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# FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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Thank you very much for staying with me till the end.

I've always tried my best to insert words of greeting and thanks into the characters' dialogue in *Fullmetal Alchemist*. I truly believe that a simple greeting or giving thanks helps us appreciate the fact that we, as human beings, depend on the support of one another to live.

And now, as this journey comes to an end, I'd like say to everyone who was involved, "See you around" and "Thank you very much."

*—Hiromu Arakawa, 2010*

Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.

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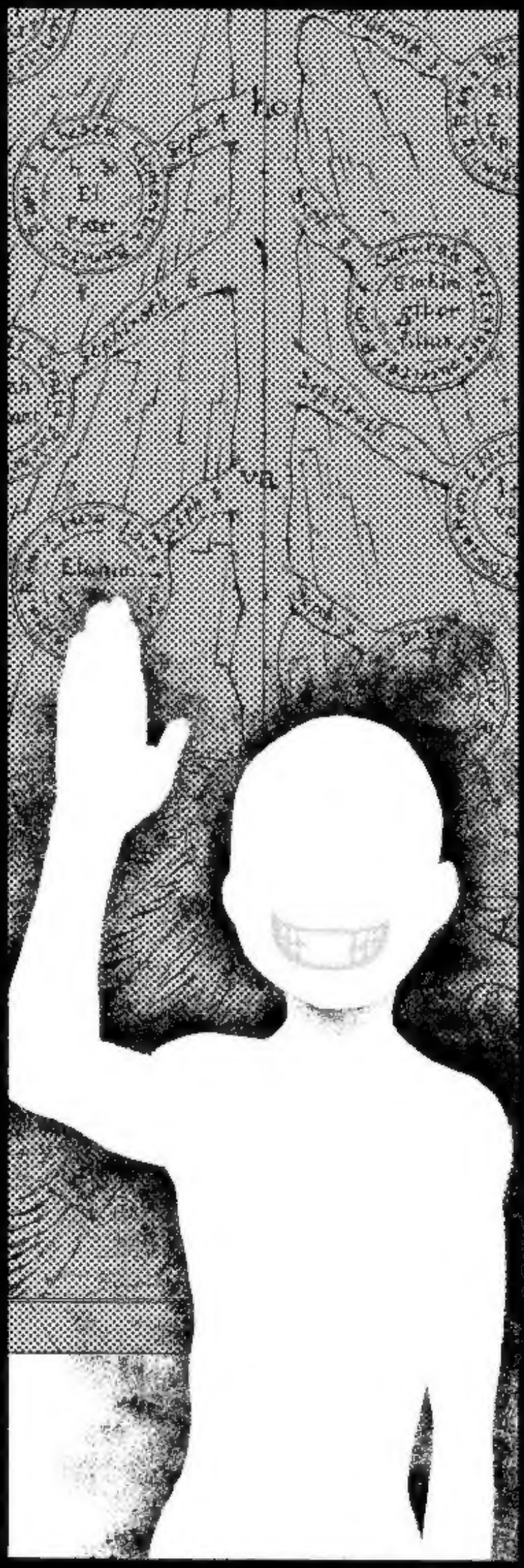

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## CHARACTERS
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

□お父様
Father

□スカー
Scar

□オリヴィエ・ミラ・アームストロング
Olivier Mira Armstrong

□リン・ヤオ(グリード)
Lin Yao (Greed)

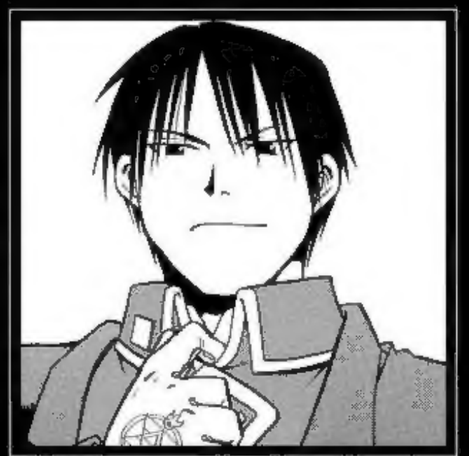
□メイ・チャン
May Chang

□ヴァン・ホーエンハイム
Van Hohenheim

□アルフォンス・エルリック
Alphonse Elric

□エドワード・エルリック
Edward Elric

□アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング
Alex Louis Armstrong



□ロイ・マスタング
Roy Mustang

## OUTLINE
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist in hopes of finding a way to restore their bodies. Their search embroils them in a deadly conspiracy that threatens to take the innocence, if not the lives, of everyone involved.

Now, on the Day of Reckoning, as the original Homunculus reaches for godhood, the Elric brothers and the other alchemists who dared open a portal to the Truth are fighting the battle of their lives, with the fate of the world hanging in the balance.

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SLAP

GOTTA STAY STRONG !

...

BLUR...

RMBLE RMB RMMB RM

BOOM

HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO FOOLISH ?

SWIP

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE COLONEL AND HE STILL HASN'T GIVEN UP.

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO CONTINUE LIVING ON ALONE.

# Chapter 107
# The Last Battle

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

KRAAASH

BOOM

THM THM THM THM THM THM

THM THM

WHAT THE?!

RM MBLE

WHAT HAPPENED ?!!

CRUMBLE

CRUMBLE

!

KLAT

HUH ?!

GREED !

!

YOD

KLAKA

IT'S THAT BASTARD'S DOING.

KLATTA

THAT'S TRUE! WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE ANYWAY ?!

THE SITUATION... ?

YOU'RE GONNA NEED SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE SITUATION !

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! I'M COMIN' WITH YOU!

FROM HERE ON, LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND WHO CAN'T FIGHT!

THE BIG DADDY OF ALL HOMUNCULI IS ON THE RAMPAGE.

ARM-STRONG SQUAD, PLEASE REPORT!

THIS IS HEAD-QUAR-TERS! COME IN!

ICHH

NOT ANY-MORE, YOU AREN'T! GET THE HELL OFF!

DO YOU REALIZE WHO YOU'RE TALKING TO?! I'M IN CHARGE HERE!

HEY, YOU THREE! THE FROG AND THE CHICKS! GET OFF!

WHAT?!

THE COM-MAND CENTER IS...

THIS IS NO TIME TO START PLAYING AT BEING GENERAL

I CAME HERE TO FIGHT!

GRAAH

GRAAH

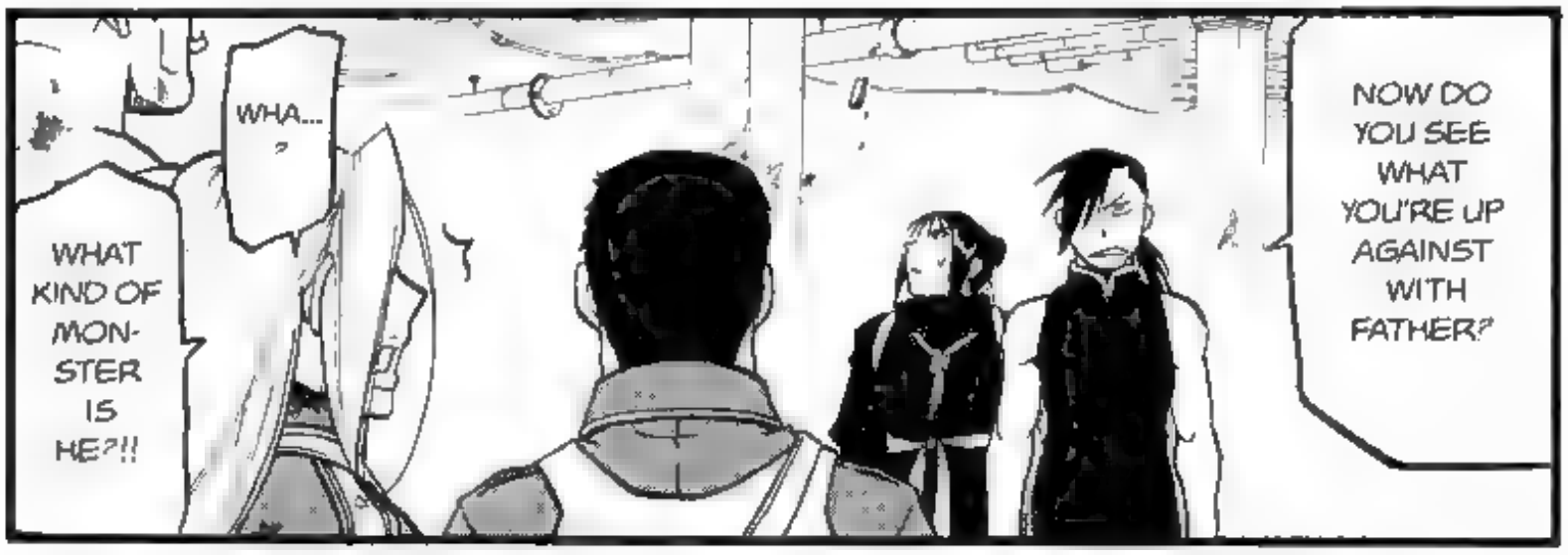
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?!

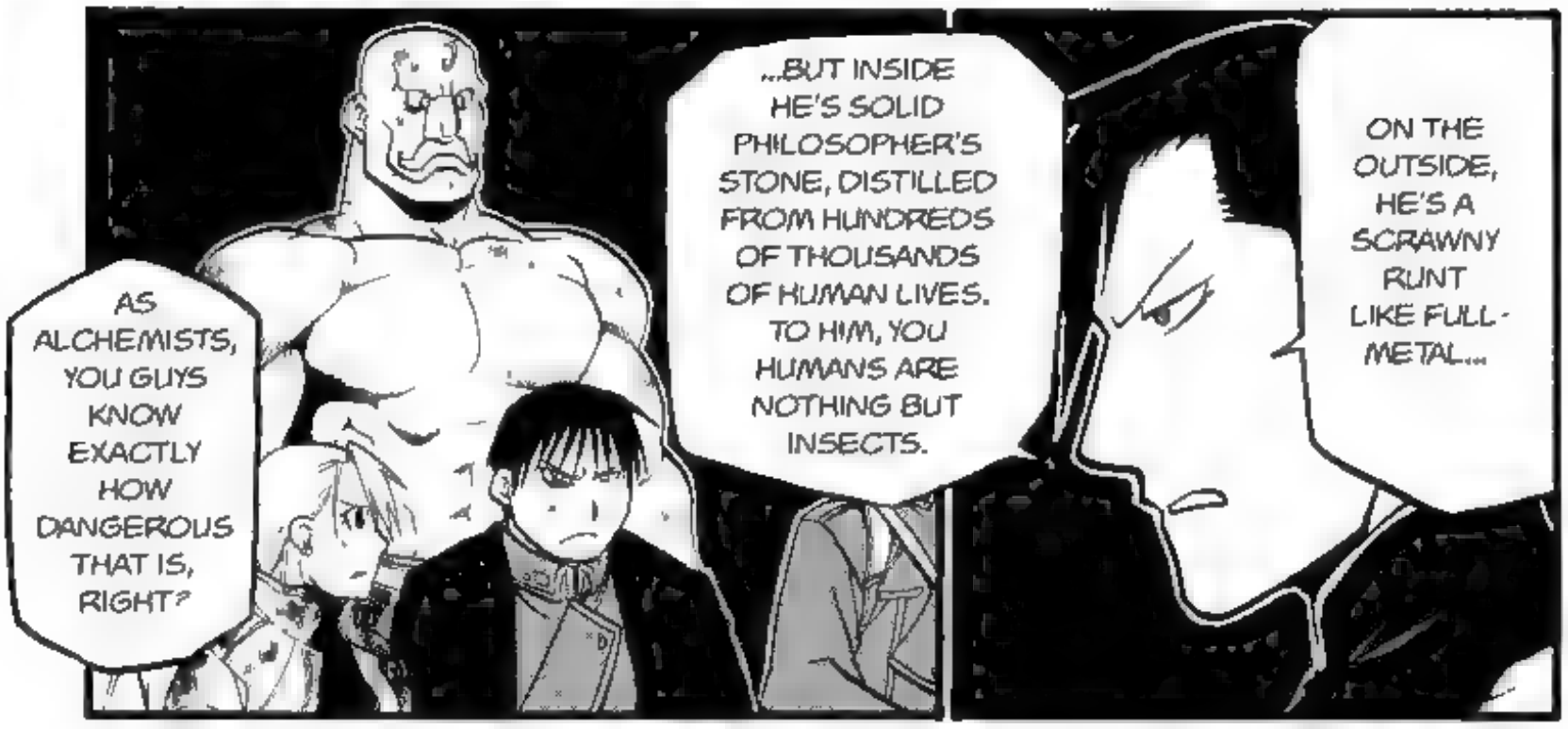
THIS IS ARM-STRONG SQUAD! WE'RE ALL WELL!

HOW IS CENTRAL HQ HOLDING UP?

...A SMOLDERING CRATER !

WE CAN'T GET IN CONTACT WITH BLACK SQUAD...


WHA...
WHAT KIND OF MON-STER IS HE?!!
NOW DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST WITH FATHER?


AS ALCHEMISTS, YOU GUYS KNOW EXACTLY HOW DANGEROUS THAT IS, RIGHT?
...BUT INSIDE HE'S SOLID PHILOSOPHER'S STONE, DISTILLED FROM HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HUMAN LIVES. TO HIM, YOU HUMANS ARE NOTHING BUT INSECTS.
ON THE OUTSIDE, HE'S A SCRAWNY RUNT LIKE FULL-METAL...

GEN-ER-AL. PLEASE.
LET'S GET OFF HERE.
WHAT?

ROG-ER
ALL YOU NORMAL HUMANS GET OFF.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, SIR

MA-JOR GENE-RAL!

I WILL AS-SUME COM-MAND !

WE STILL HAVE MEN UP THERE FIGHTING !

WEST GATE, RE-PORT !

MOVE OUT !!

WEAPONS DEPOT YELLOW SQUAD, WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?!

NORTH GATE BLUE SQUAD, REPORT!

OPEN THE GATE !!

WE'RE BRIGGS SOLDIERS, REMEMBER? WE THINK AS ONE, WE FIGHT TO WIN, WITH OR WITHOUT THE BOSS AROUND, JUST LIKE YOU TRAINED US.

ALEX !

I HEAR THAT YOU'RE INJURED, SIR.

PLEASE STAY THERE AND REST.

AND YOU HAD DAMN WELL BETTER WIN!

TAKE THE RADIO WITH YOU.

NO NEED TO TELL ME!

THEN I NEED THE LIEU-TENANT TO BE MY EYES.

YOU NEED MY HELP TO BURN THROUGH THIS GUY'S STORE OF PHILOSO-PHER'S STONES, RIGHT?

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!

HEY, HEY, I SAID NO GIMPS.

YEAH. LET'S HURRY.

LET'S GO.

BUT..

KEEP AN EYE ON IZUMI AND THE OTHERS FOR ME.

YOU GOT IT!

MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE PRINCE AND TAKE THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE BACK TO XING.

OOOO

OOOO

OOOO

ASH

HERE WE GO!

HUAH !!

SLAM

PHEW...

!

BRAD-
LEY!!

WHEN BRADLEY ARRIVED HERE, HE WAS ALREADY COVERED WITH WOUNDS.

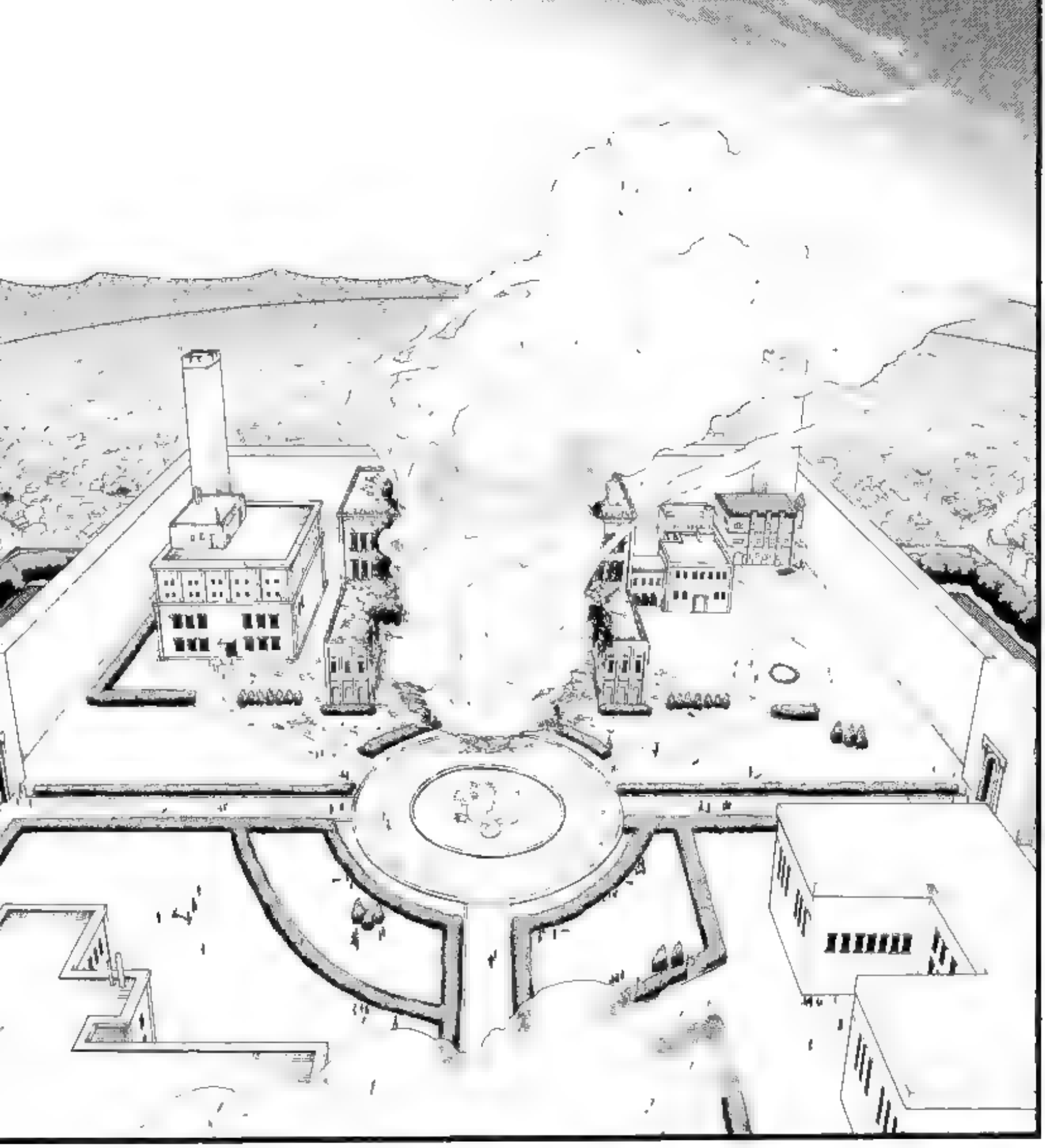
SO THIS IS WHERE HE DIED.

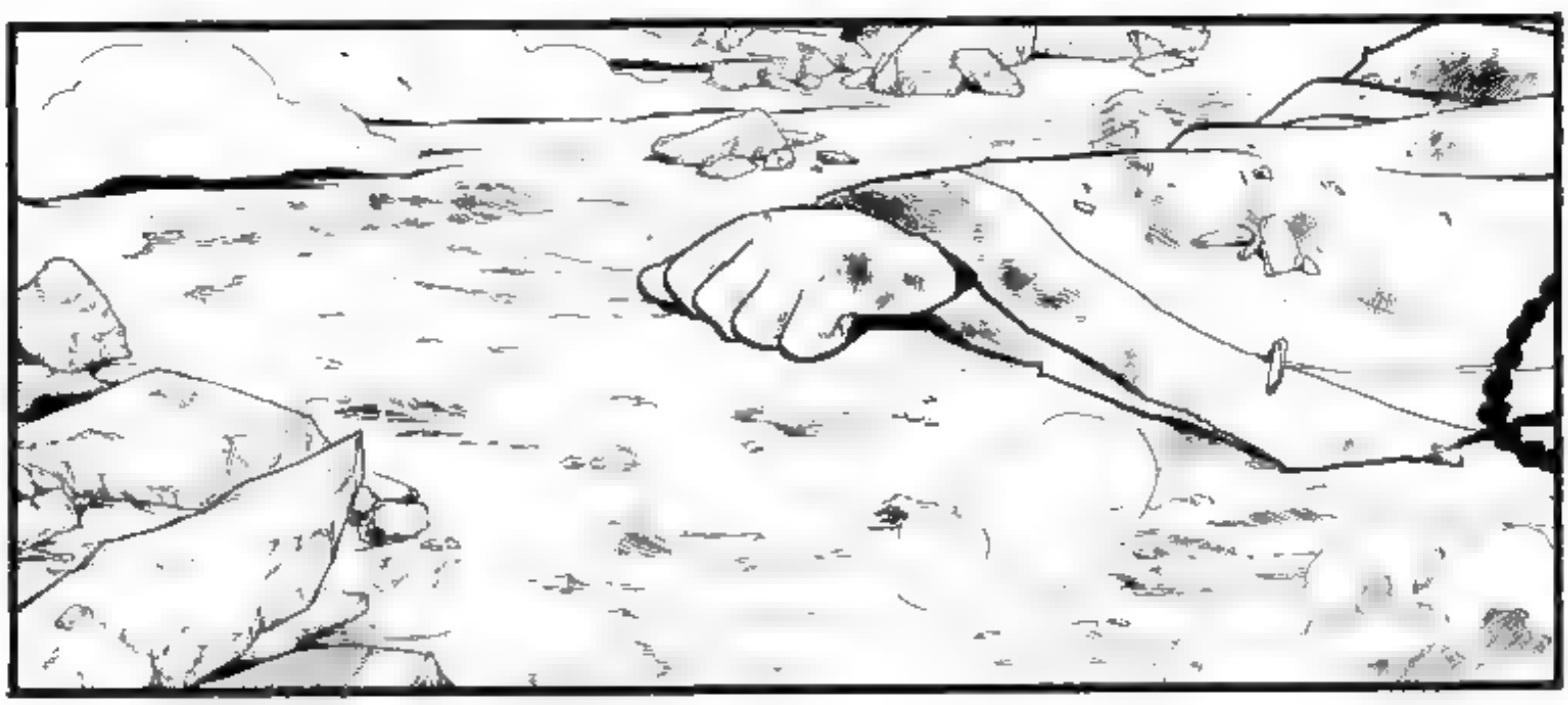
"CAPTAIN BUCCANEER AND SEVERAL WARRIORS FROM XING WERE ABLE TO DELIVER A FATAL BLOW TO BRADLEY."

I DON'T KNOW WHO DELIVERED THOSE BLOWS, BUT WITHOUT THEIR HELP, I WOULD SURELY HAVE LOST.

MY SUBORD-INATE PUT UP A REAL FIGHT, DIDN'T HE?

SO, BRADLEY...





NNGHHH

TWITCH

XIAO MEI...

I'M SO GLAD...

...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

UGH...

EEP!

EEP!

MR. AL-PHONSE !!

MAY.. I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE...

MR. AL-PHONSE, YOUR BODY IS...

...OW!!

WINCE

CASHUNK !!

GAPE...

THIS IS ALL BE-CAUSE YOU SAVED ME...

MR. AL-PHONSE !!

UKYUU...

MR. AL PHONSE !!

!!

NNGH...

KREE

TEACH-
ER!

TEACH-
ER!

UGH...

I...
I'M
ALIVE.

TEACH-
ER!!

HE
SAVED
ME...

...AT
THE
LAST
SEC-
OND.

HOHEN-
HE M...

HOHEN...

!

HOHEN-
HEIM
!!

HEY! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER !!

HUH ?

GRAB

FLING

SKI

CCCH

HOH-
EN
HE:M
!!

FIRST, I'LL START WITH TWO.

FLEX

FLEX

AGH

AAGH

CLENCH

CLENCH

UH..

FIRE !!!

PIP
PIP
PIP
PIP
PIP
PIP
PIP

OUR TARGET IS A DEAD RINGER FOR THE FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST!

DON'T GET IT WRONG! HE'S THE ONE ***WITHOUT*** THE AUTO-MAIL, GOT IT?!

GASP!!

CHAK
CHAK
CHAK
CHAK

WEST GATE WHITE SQUAD, TAKE COVER IN THE SHADOW OF THE WESTERN TOWER!

EAST GATE BLUE SQUAD, HURRY !!

BOH-
BOH
BOH

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
I'LL LIVE. THANKS FOR THE SAVE!
HEY, FULL-METAL!! YOU OKAY?!

BOOM

AFTER ALL THAT HE'S NOT EVEN SCRATCHED!

WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING ME! WITH WHAT WE'RE THROWING AT HIM?!

GWOOM

BAM BAM BAM BAM

DON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO COUNTER-ATTACK!!

WE NEED MORE FIRE-POWER !!

BA-BA-BA--BOOM

AYE, SIR !!

BOOM

AAAAAAH!!

BOOM

BAM BAM BAM BAM

THE BASTARD!! HE DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH !!

COPY THAT !

BAM BAM BAM BA

BLAM BLAM BLAM

TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-

HUH?!

ARE YOU SERIOUS, SIR?!

BLUE SQUAD, PATCH ME THROUGH TO WHITE SQUAD!!

BLAM BLAM

TAKE COVER!!

RA-TAT-TAT-TAT

HOLD YOUR FIRE!!

THE FLAME ALCHEMIST IS COMING!!

OOOOH?!

SNAP

FOOM

SIZZLE

HOT, HOT, HOT !!

DID I HIT HIM?!

YOU WERE OFF BY JUST A FEW FEET, SIR!

ADJUST YOUR AIM BY FIVE DEGREES TO THE RIGHT!!

ZAP

I'M STILL NOT USED TO PUTTING MY HANDS TOGETHER TO TRANSMUTE!

NO NEED TO MODULATE, SIR!

IT'S HARD TO MODULATE MY FIRE POWER WHEN I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!

DISTANCE FIFTY... NO FIFTY THREE!!

CLAP

FOOOSH

VOOM

?!

INCOMING FRONTAL ATTACK!!

BOOOM

DE-FENSE..

HOW'S THIS ?!

SLAP

YOU KNOW... THIS STYLE OF TRANSMUTING WITH BOTH HANDS ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.

NICELY DONE, SIR!

KEEP FIRING !!

FIRE, FIRE !!

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

DON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO RETALIATE !!

KEEP HIM USING HIS PHILOSOPHER STONE POWER ON THE DEFENSIVE!!

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

BLAM BLAM BLAM

KEEP CARVING AWAY AT HIM!

PLINK

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

NNGH...

GAH!

KABOOM

SLAM

HIYAAH!!

HA HAH!!

AMAZING!!

KA-BOOM

BOOM

BLAM BLAM

BLAM

HEY, GREED!

HM...

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

WITH POWER LIKE THAT, I CAN MAKE THE WHOLE WORLD MINE!

OF COURSE

WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON GODHOOD, THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE MINE!

IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANTED "TO BECOME THE KING OF THE WORLD?!"

YOU'RE EVEN MORE DELUDED THAN I THOUGHT, GREED.

THE THIRST THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO QUENCH SINCE THE MOMENT I WAS BORN!!

I MIGHT FINALLY BE ABLE TO FILL UP THIS EMPTINESS WITHIN ME!!

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU *REALLY* WANT.

I ALWAYS TAKE WHAT I WANT NO MATTER WHAT!!

I'M GREED, THE INSATIABLE !!

KRAKA

BOOM BOOM BLAM BLAM BLAM

WHAT DO YOU KNOW, YOU SNOT-NOSED BRAT?!

VOOM VOOM VOOM VOOM VOOM

STEAM HIM TO DEATH !!

OOOO

KA-BOOM

GWOOM

BWOOOSH

AAAGH!

"IT HAD NO EFFECT AT ALL!"

BOOM
BOOM
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF AMMO!! SEND FOR MORE!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
AS IF MERE HUMANS AND THEIR TOYS COULD HARM ME.
HOW SAD.
BLAM
BLAM
WE NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT THAT BARRIER!
BLAM
BLAM
VOOM
IF A HUMAN CAN'T THEN WHAT ABOUT A HOMUNCULUS ?!!
SHUNK
NYAAH!!

MY DUTIFUL SON.

BLUB

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, GREED.

GLUB GLUB

GLURK

I WAS LOOKING FOR A NEW SOURCE OF THE STONE.

YOURS WILL DO JUST FINE.

GLUB

BLURK BLURK

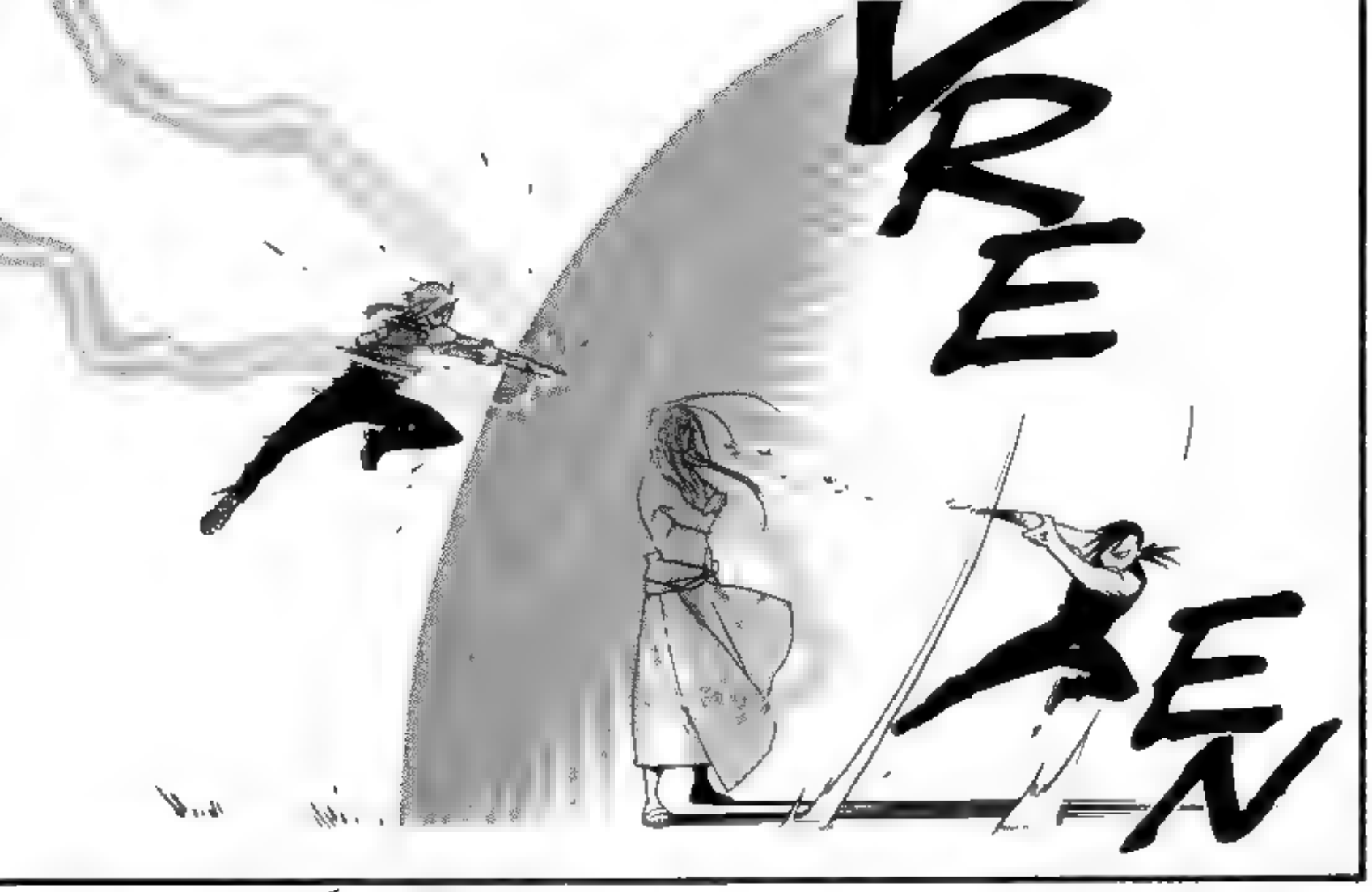
GLUB GLUB

NNGH... YOU SON OF A...

I KNEW YOU'D BE SO HUNGRY FOR A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE THAT YOU'D DROP YOUR GUARD TO LET ME THOUGH.

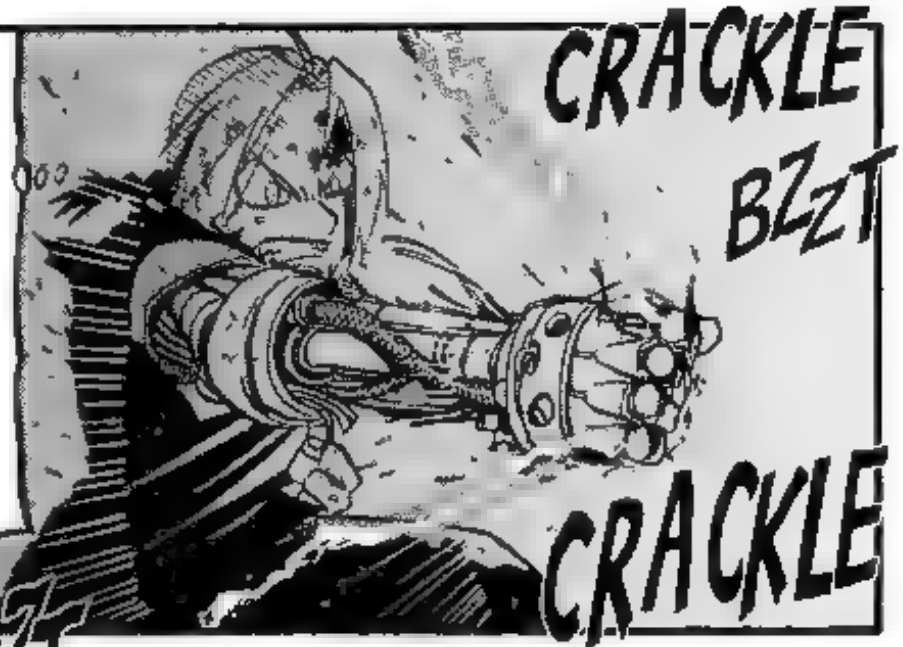
GOTCHA

ZAASH


VRE
AEN

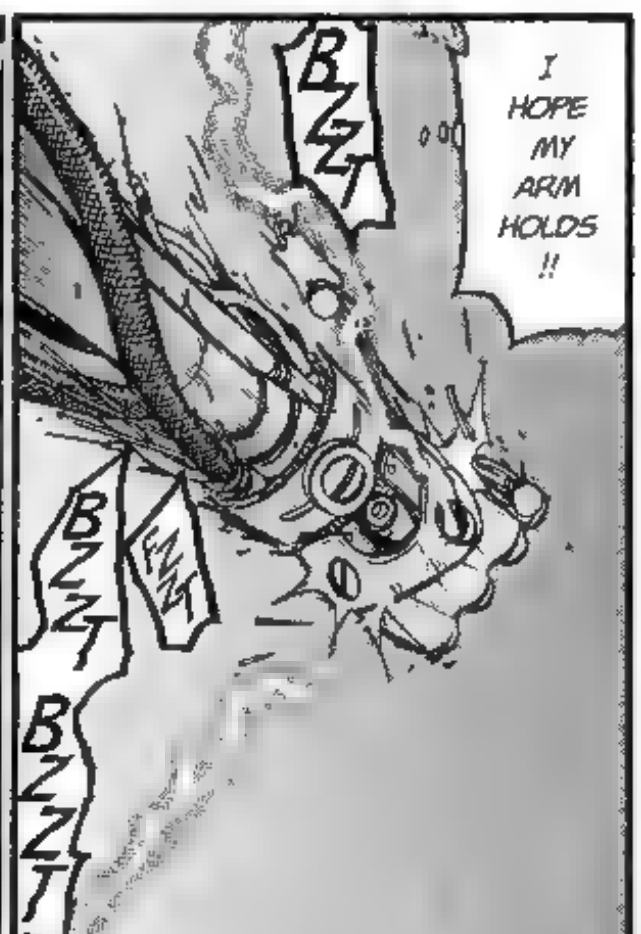
BZZT

HE EVEN COUNT-ERED OUR SURPRISE ATTACK !!
UGH! HE TRANS-MUTED WITHOUT EVEN MOVING! THAT'S SO UNFAIR!!


CRACKLE
BZZT
CRACKLE

CRACKLE
BLINK
BZZT
BZZT

BZZT
BZZT
POP
BZZT


I HOPE MY ARM HOLDS !!
BZZT
FZZT
BZZT
BZZT

!!

DAMN IT!

IT'S NO USE...

TWITCH

...ER...

!

SNAP

!

WHACK

DON'T GIVE UP !!

AGH!

BAM

WHUMP

PLINK

PLINK

POP

UH...

UH...

UH..

..WITH HIS ARM

HE BLOCK-ED..

AAAA

AA
AA
AA
AAA
AAA
AAA
BA-
BOOM

MOO

AAGH

NO

A STONE...

KOFF KOFF

A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE...

KOFF

!

PLEASE!

RUN, BIG BROTHER.

RUN, EDWARD!

SPURT

...!!

GH

GH

GH

NGGH

KLANK

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.

MAY...

...THEN IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REVERSE IT.

IF THAT'S AN "EQUIVA-LENT EX-CHANGE"...

MY BROTHER SACRIFICED HIS RIGHT ARM TO PULL MY SOUL BACK FROM THAT PLACE.

MR. AL-PHONSE...

WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING TO DO?

GRRRMBL...

THERE'S NO MORE TIME

IF I DO THAT, MR. ALPHONSE, YOU'LL-- !!

YOU CAN DO THAT, RIGHT ?

I JUST NEED YOU TO CREATE A PATH FOR ME.

PLEASE.

TIME IS...

CRICK.

...I CAN ASK THIS FAVOR OF.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE...

EDWARD !!

GIVE IT...

...TO ME!

YOUR ENERGY...

..HUMAN..

THE STONE...

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T
HU
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VRE
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E
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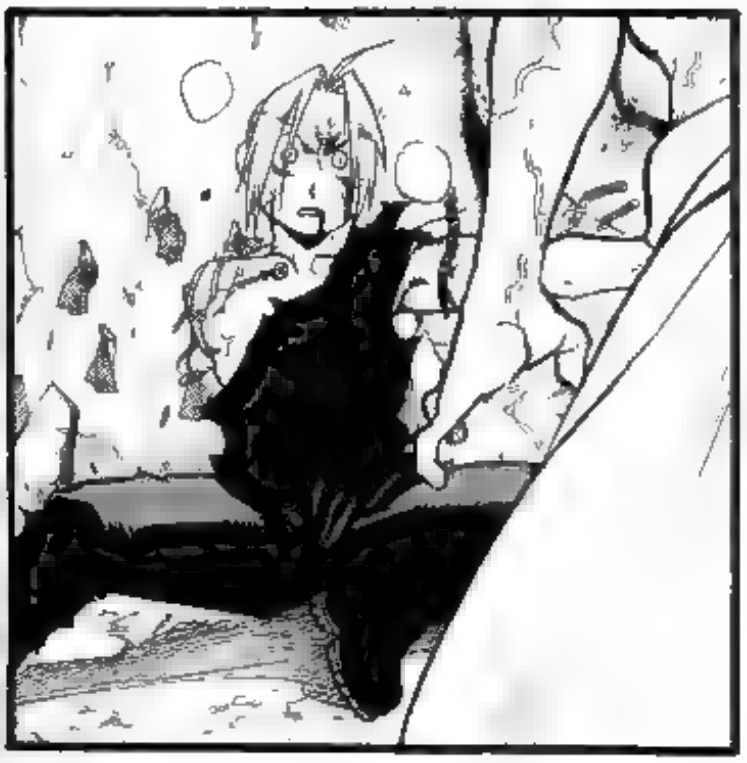


AL...
DON'T DO IT!

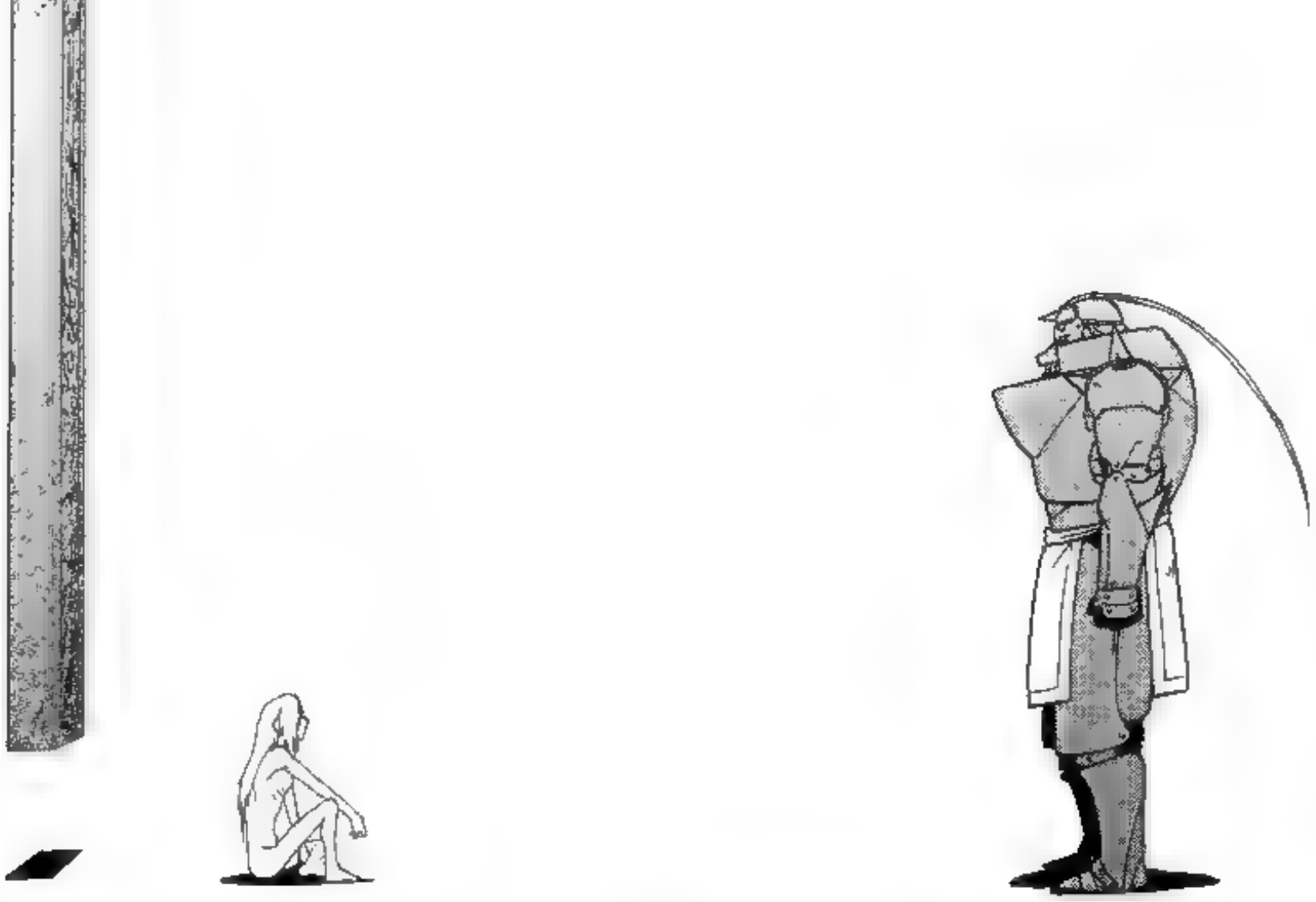
NO... NO, YOU CAN'T.
AL, WHAT ARE YOU...?

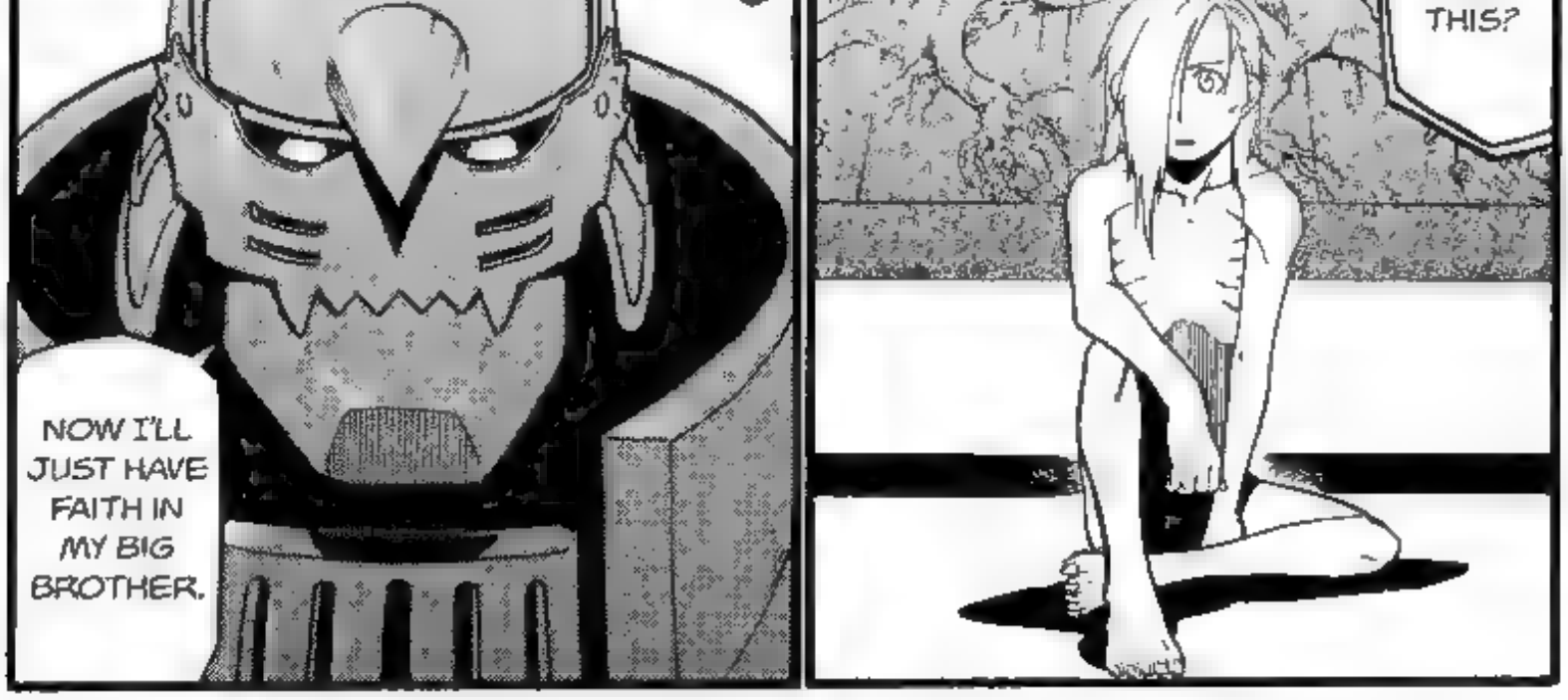
CLAP

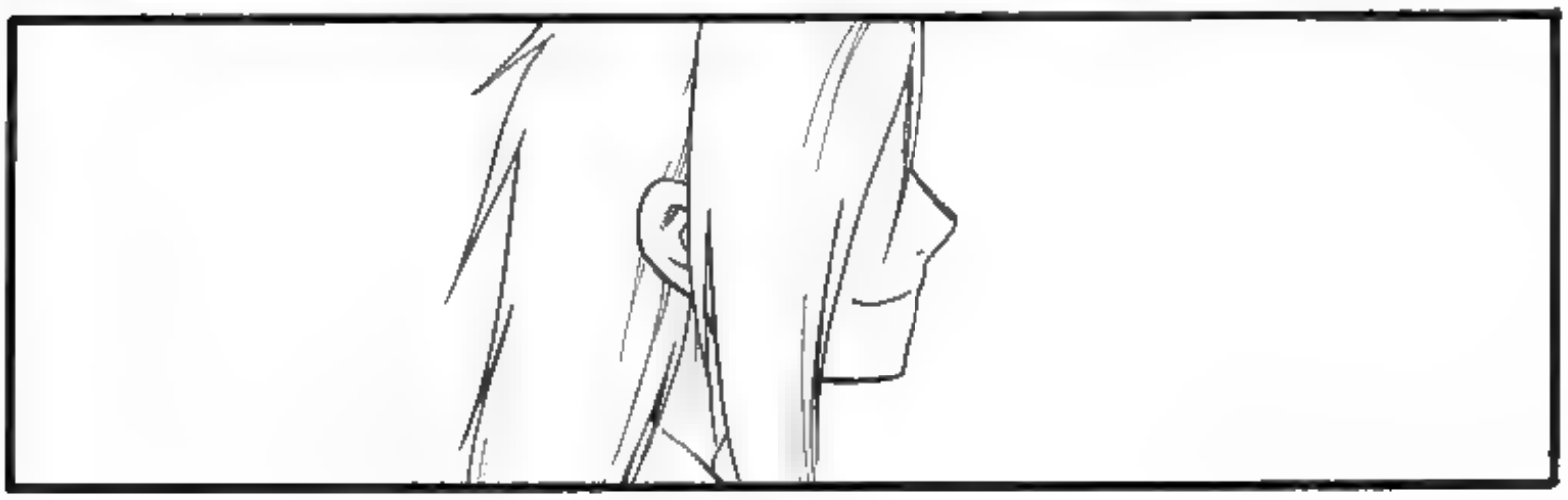
YOU BETTER WIN...

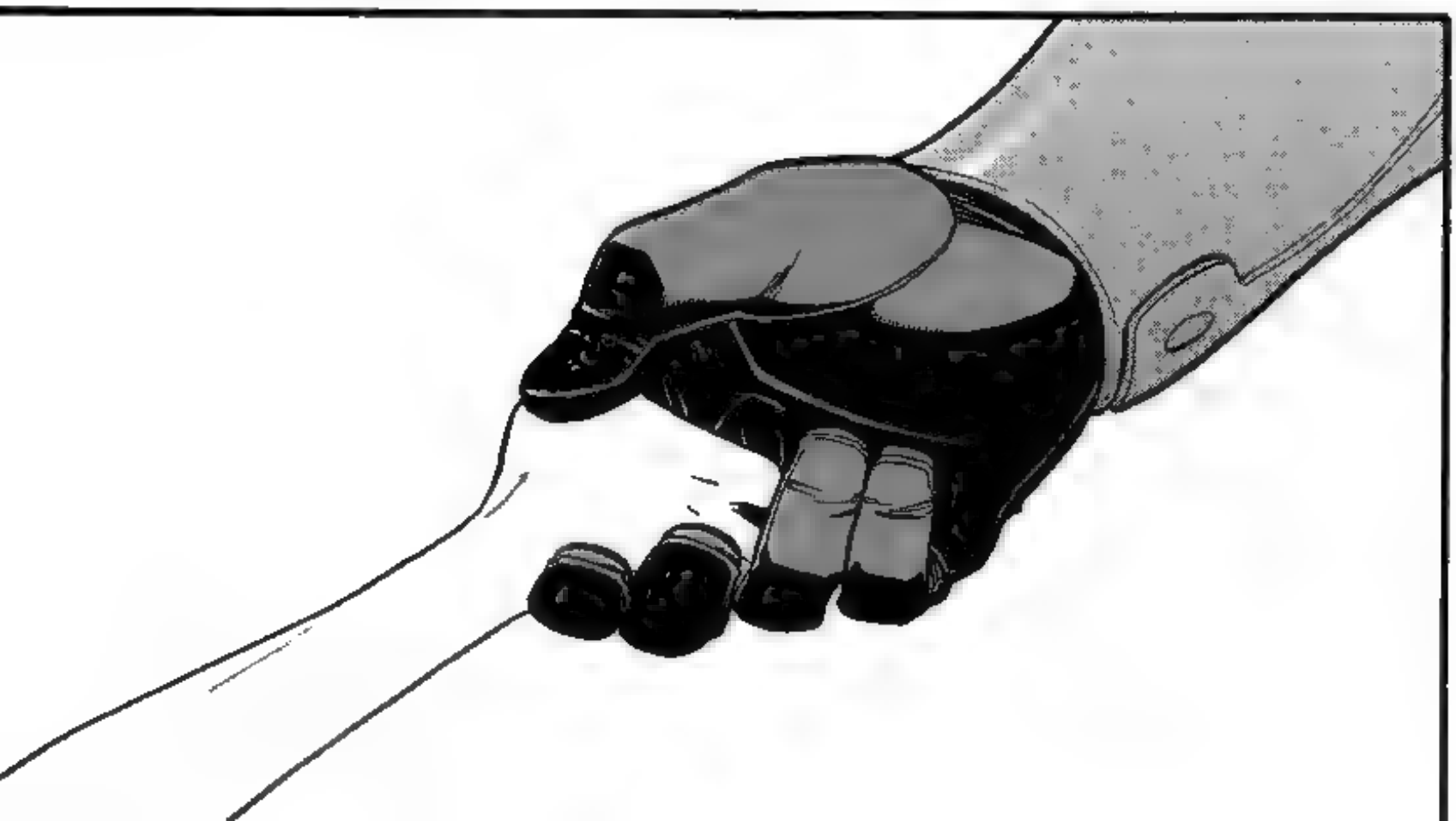
...BIG BROTH ER.

NOOOOOO!!!

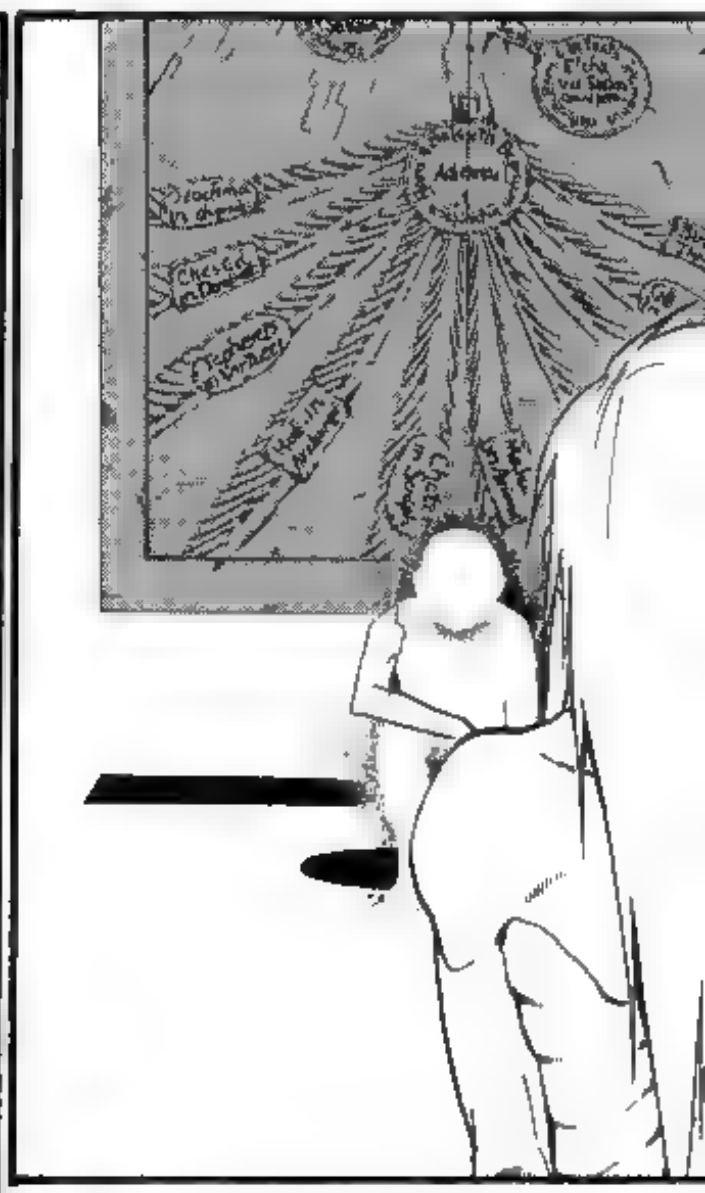



I AM.
NOW I'LL JUST HAVE FAITH IN MY BIG BROTHER.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?





I SEE YOU'RE ALL IN ONE PIECE AGAIN.
SO...



HE'LL COME.

I HAVE NO DOUBT.

THINK HE'LL COME BACK TO GET YOU?

WHAT WILL HE SACRIFICE THIS TIME?

I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT.

S--

...YOU...

S--STUPID BROTHER!!!

GRAP

GRRR

VOOM

YANK

ERRRRAAAAH!!!

SHRUP

OM

YO

CLAP

BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM

VAM

ZASH

BAM

BAM

BAM

IT'S ABOUT DAMN TIME.

IT'S TAKING DAM-AGE.

BAM

OH

OH

AH

YOU CAN DO IT...

GO FOR IT, BOY !!

GET HIM, LITTLE MAN !!

EDWARD ELRIC!!

KOFF

EDWARD !!

ED !!

WHAT THAT THING HAS COULD NEVER QUENCH YOUR INSATIABLE THIRST.

YOU'VE ALREADY REALIZED THE TRUTH, HAVEN'T YOU, GREED?

...

MR. ED-WARD !!

ED-WARD...

WHAT I'VE WANTED ALL THIS TIME...

FINE, YOU'RE RIGHT.

...GO...

FULL-METAL !!

...WAS FRIENDS LIKE THESE.

I'LL SHOW YOU...

...THERE'S NO COMPAR-ISON BETWEEN US!

GET UP, YOU THIRD RATE FRAUD.

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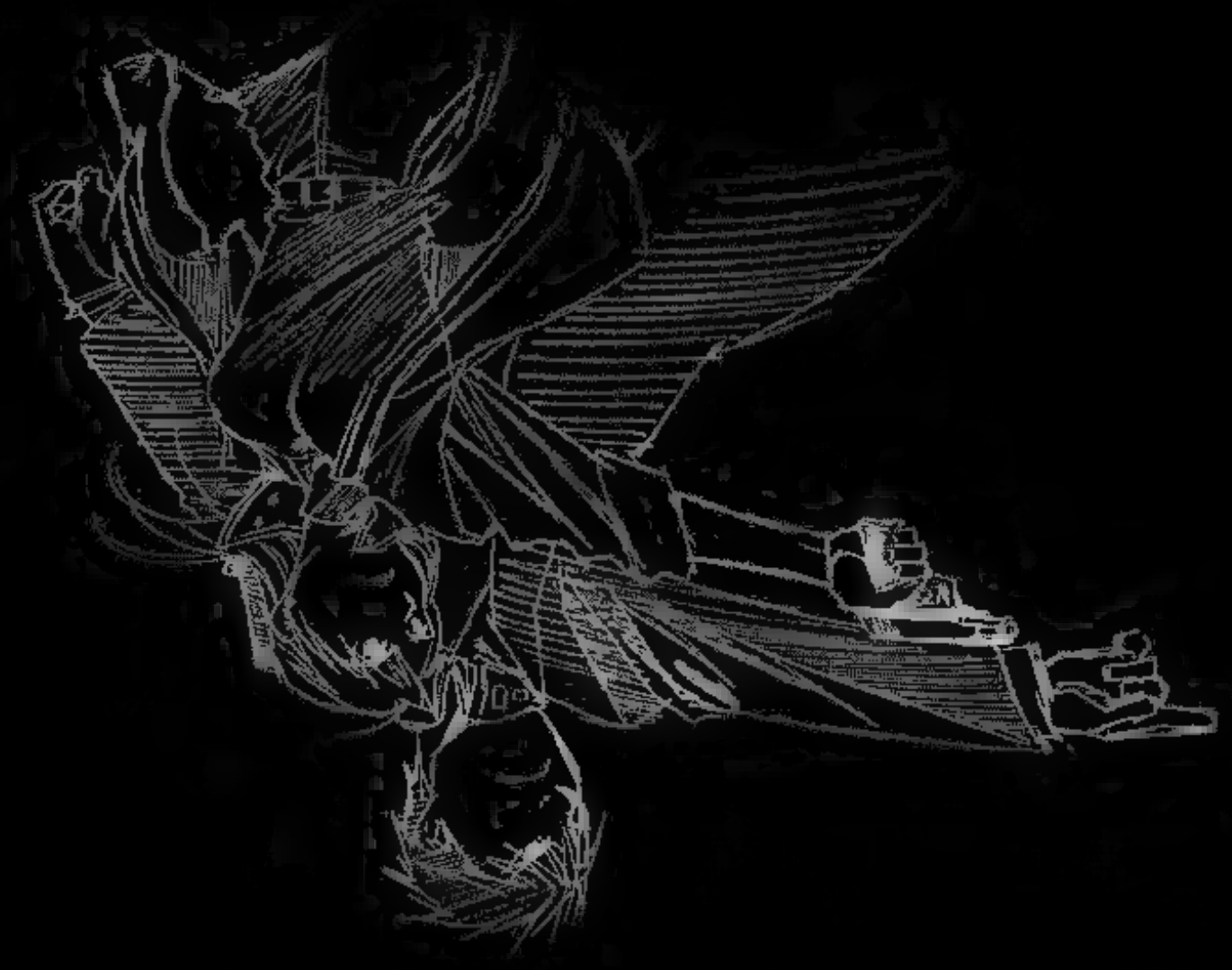
ALCHEMIST



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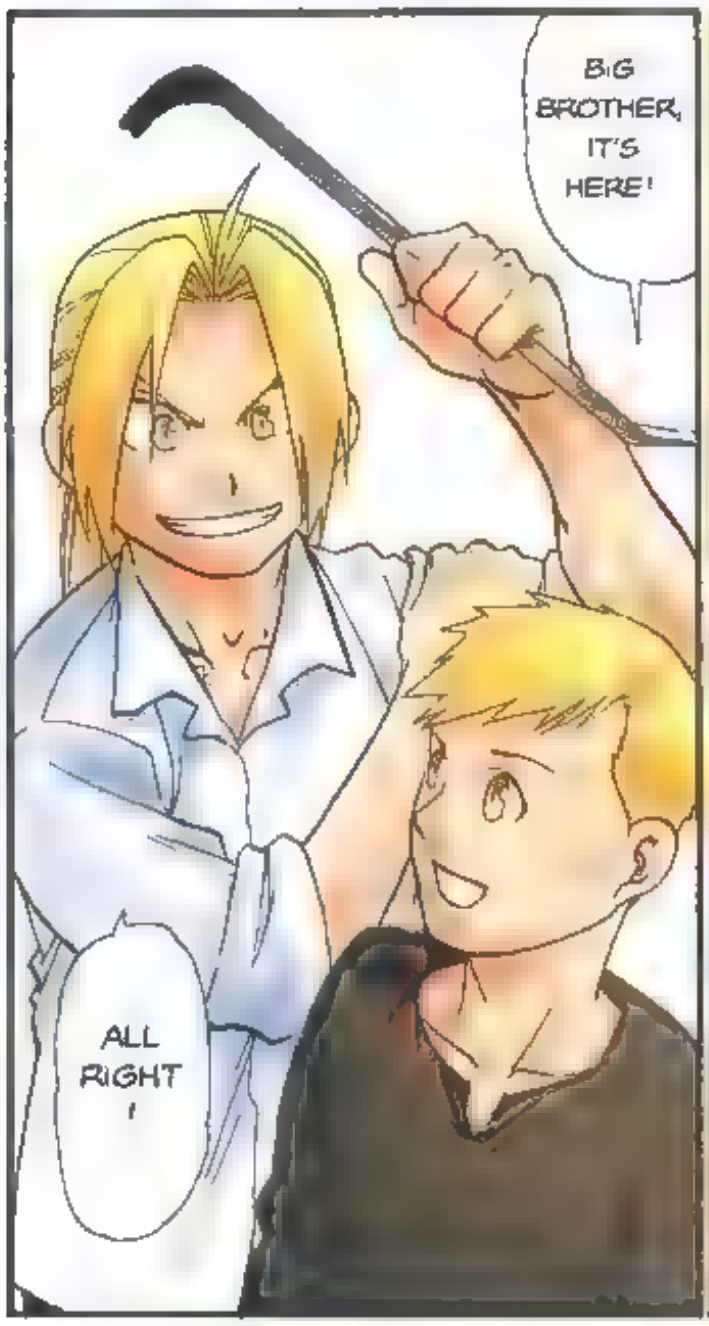
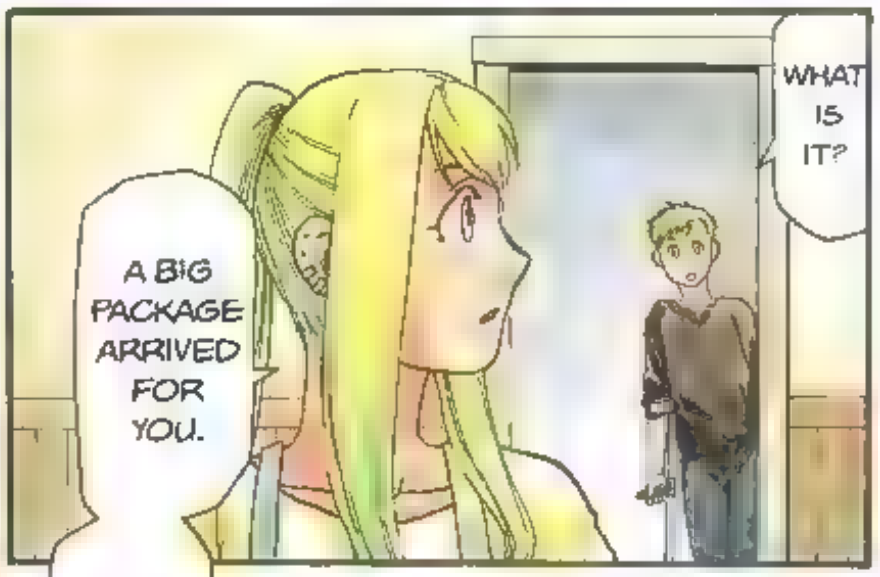
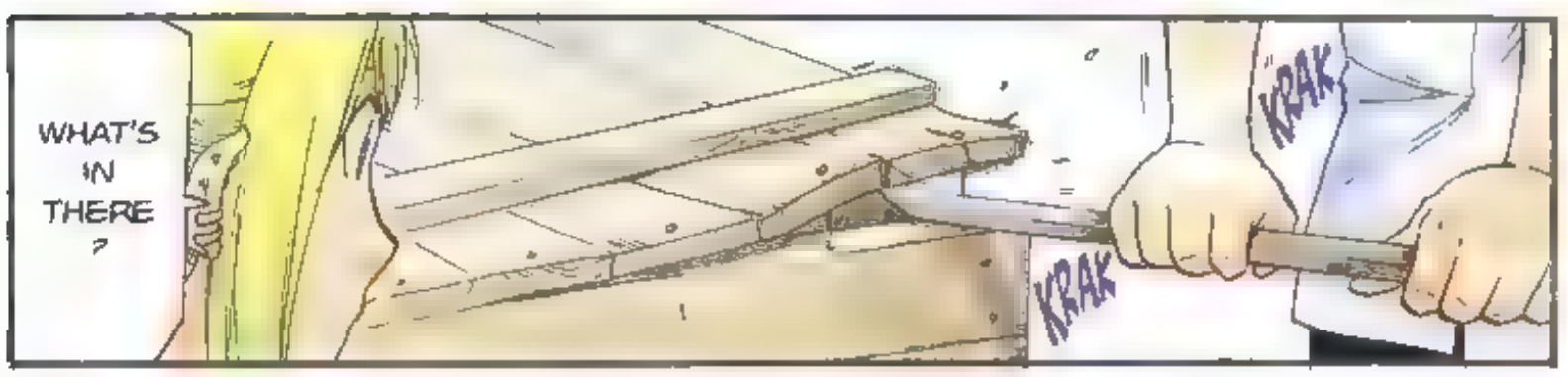

BIG BROTHER, IT'S HERE!
ALL RIGHT!


WHAT IS IT?
A BIG PACKAGE ARRIVED FOR YOU.
FROM CEN-TRAL CITY.


WHAT'S IN THERE?
KRAK
KRAK

LET'S WELCOME HOME THIS AL TOO!

OOH...

# Side Story: Another Journey's End

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

YOU'RE CRYING AGAIN!

SNIFFLE

I... I'M JUST SO...SO HAPPY YOU MADE IT HOME SAFELY, AL.

I DON'T CARE! I'M CRYING BECAUSE I'M HAPPY.

KLANK KLANK

WHOA, THIS SURE IS BEAT UP.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT NOT SO LONG AGO, THIS WAS MY BODY.

I KEEP STOOPING DOWN WHENEVER I PASS THROUGH A DOORWAY.

IT SURE DOES!

HAVING SUCH A LOWER LINE OF SIGHT MUST TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!!

ALSO, I SORT OF MISS BEING ABLE TO LOOK DOWN ON YOU, BIG BROTHER.

SNIF SNIF

HUH? THE HEAD IS GONE !

WHAT ?!

AH HA HA HA HA

DEN !

DEN ?!

TUP TUP TUP TUP TUP

HEY, COME BACK! DEN!

NOPE.
I WONDER WHERE HE COULD'VE GONE ?

ANY LUCK ?

WINRY.

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU...

?

OKAY

LET'S JUST USE THE PIECES WE HAVE.

OH WELL.

DEN

TONG TONG TONG

KLANG KLANG

KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
HEY, MS. ROCK-BELL!
ED, AL. NICE TO SEE YOU GUYS TOO!
HELLO, SIR!
HI.
THANKS FOR AGREE-ING TO HELP!
WELL, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
TOOK QUITE A BEAT-ING.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS?
YES.
PLEASE DO IT.

BOOM

WINRY, I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS ARMOR...

...AND TURN IT INTO AUTO-MAIL PARTS.

NO, THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I WANT TO DO THIS.

THIS IS THE ARMOR THAT YOU FOUGHT IN FOR SO LONG. DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE IT?

BUT...

KEEPING IT MEANS PUTTING IT IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM OR STORING IT IN A VAULT SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?

THAT WOULD BE THE SAME AS JUST LETTING IT DIE.

BUT IF THIS ARMOR COULD LIVE ON BY BECOMING SOMEONE'S ARMS AND LEGS...

...THAT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY.

KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
UH-HUH.
MAKE A GOOD ONE, WINRY.

WHAT IS IT?

HERE.

WEL-COME BACK.

I'M HOME, GRANNY.

IT JUST CAME BACK FROM THE TOOL SHARP-ENER'S.

WHILE WE WERE THERE, WE PUT IN AN ORDER WITH THE BLACKSMITH FOR THIS.

YOU KNOW HOW WE WENT TO RE-PROCESS AL'S ARMOR?

THANKS.

THIS IS GREAT

AL SAID, "I WANT TO GIVE THIS TO GRANNY BECAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS HAVING SUCH A HARD TIME CUTTING ALL THE WEEDS."

?!

FLAP

MY, MY! DON'T THAT CUT WELL?

SASH SASH

PASS ME YOUR OLD ONE.

I'LL HELP YOU.

...!

RST,

WELL, I'LL BE.

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

WHOA, THAT STAR-TLED ME.

DEN...

DID YOU DO THIS?

WHAT A GREAT NEST.
HURRY UP AND GET BIGGER SO YOU CAN FLY AWAY.

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST

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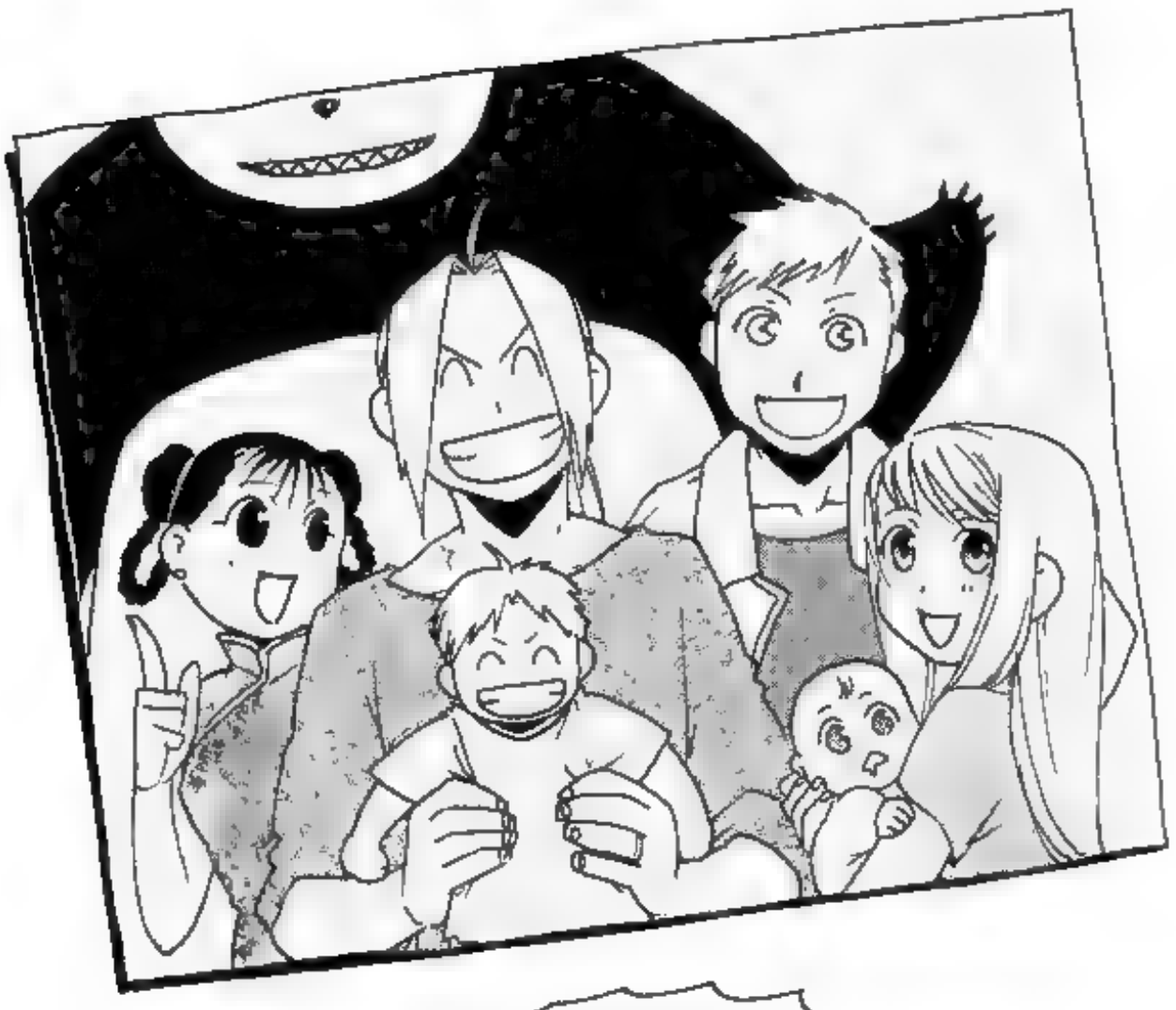

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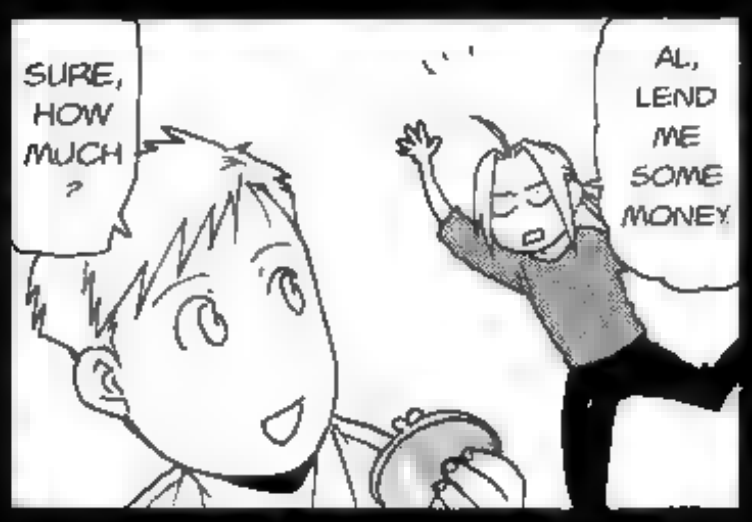

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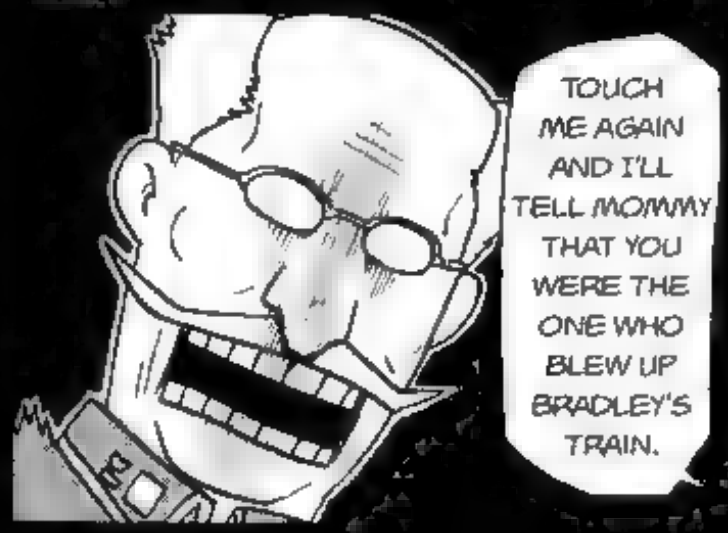


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ALSO WOMEN! I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING ANY WOMEN!
IF YOU'VE GOT A FAMILY BACK HOME WAITING FOR YOU OR IF YOU JUST WANT TO SAVE YOUR OWN SKIN, TURN AROUND AND WALK AWAY.

## The Embarrassing Protagonist

I'LL SHOW YOU THAT WE'RE--

GET UP, YOU THIRD RATE FRAUD.

I BIT MY TONGUE!

...SO YOU GIVE ME HALF OF~

I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF MY LIFE...

## Unexpected Results

...AND LITTLE SELIM HAS GROWN MUCH BIGGER.

...BUT HE'S A GENTLE, HEALTHY BOY, NO DIFFERENT FROM A HUMAN CHILD.

MOMMY

EVERY-ONE CALLS HIM A HOMUN-CULUS...

...SO I HOPE HE KEEPS GROWING AND GROWING LIKE A HEALTHY BOY.

HE'S GETTING LOTS OF LOVE...

BLUSH

I BIT IT AGAIN!

YOU CAN STOP GROW-ING NOW...

MOM-MY

FIVE YEARS LATER

GROWING AND GROWING.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?

SHF

OH.

YOU'RE ALREADY HERE?

HI.

COME ON.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE PROMISE FIRST.

HUH ?

YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO GROW OLD WITH THE KIDS AND THEN DIE

ED CALLED ME DAD.

AND I SHOOK HANDS WITH AL AFTER HE GOT HIS ORIGINAL BODY BACK.

HA HA!

THAT'S TRUE.

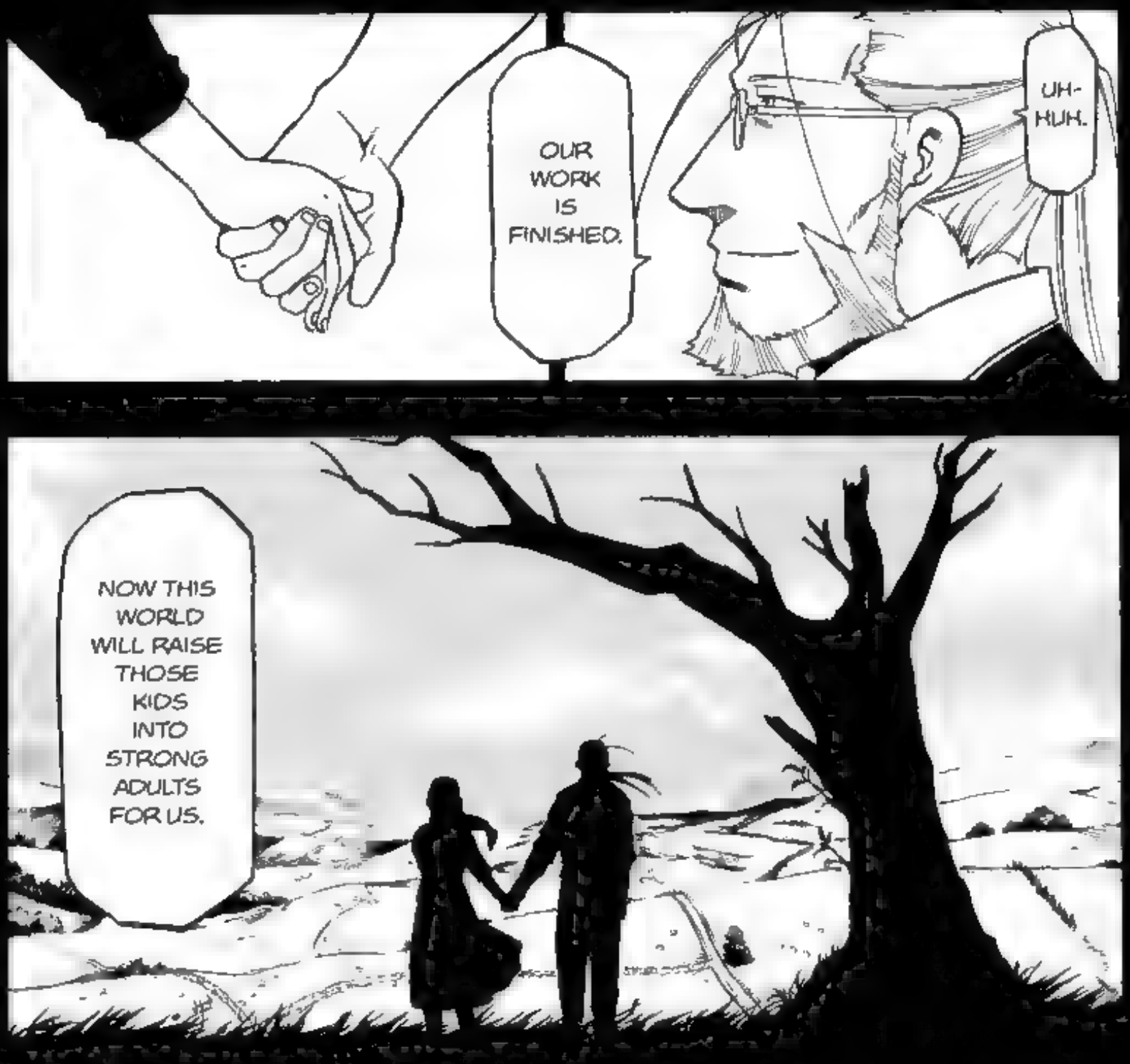
SO, YOU'RE SATISFIED ?

THERE ARE EVEN PEOPLE WHO CRY BECAUSE THEY'RE SO HAPPY FOR THEM!

PLUS THEY HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS!

THOSE KIDS GOT THEIR BODIES BACK BY USING A METHOD THAT I NEVER EVEN THOUGHT OF!

HEY TRISHA, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SO PROUD !

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JUN TOHKO
SANKICHI HINODEYA

MY EDITOR, YUICHI SHIMOMURA

AND YOU!!!

If Sloth was the only one remaining inside Father.

MAKING PHILOS-OPHER'S STONES IS TOO MUCH EFFORT.

DON'T WANNA WORK.

MUMBLE MUMBLE

DON'T CARE 'BOUT GODS OR BEIN' A PERFECT BEING ANYMORE.

DON'T WANNA HAVE TO BE THE FINAL BOSS.

WEARING CLOTHES IS TOO MUCH EFFORT.

JUST WANNA SLEEP.

...AND EVERYONE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

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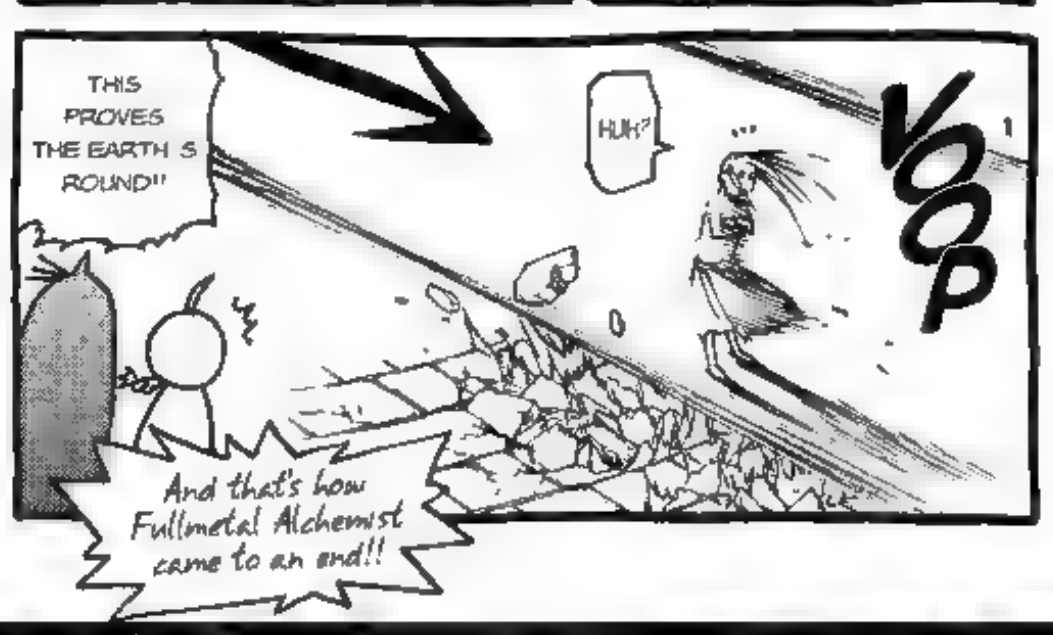

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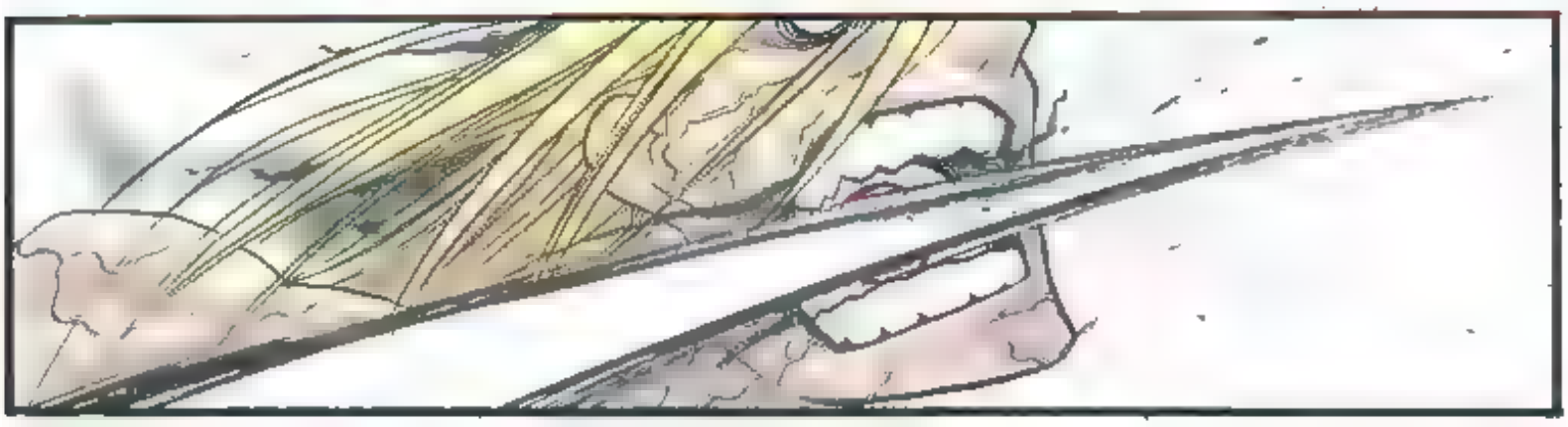
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME,
THE BEARER OF GODHOOD?



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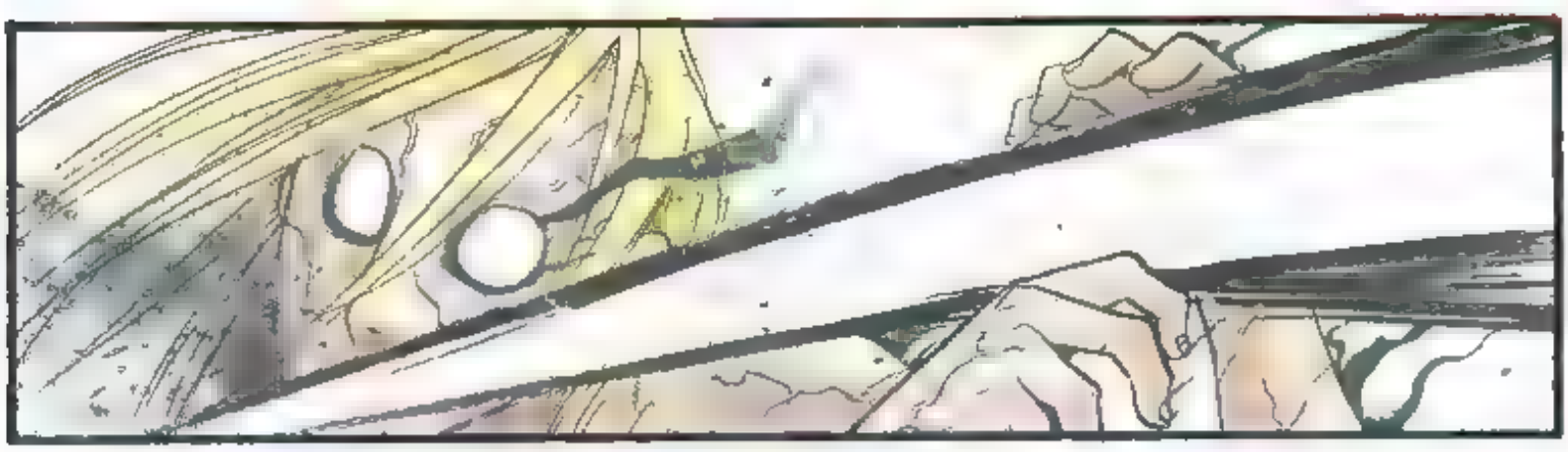
TO ENDURE THESE ATTACKS...



...FROM A MERE HUMAN ALCHEMIST'S...

...FISTS?!!

# Chapter 108
# Journey's End

# FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

GAH..

UMP

ATH

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

KADUMP

FSSH

FSSH

FSSH

AAAGHRR

...CON-TAIN...

...IT

GLUK

GLUK

GLUK

GLUK

I CAN'T...

BZA

AAGH

ASH

OOPH!

GAGH
!

SH

UNK

OOOO

GIVE ME THE STONE...

RRGH!!

ZUK

YOU IDIOT!! YOU'RE GONNA GET SUCKED IN TOO!!

GRAB

LET GO !!

I RE-FUSE !!

GREED !!

IF I'M GOING TO BECOME EMPEROR, I NEED YOU TO STICK AROUND!

I WAS BORN OF FATHER.

DON'T YOU GET IT?

THE FORCE THAT'S PULLING ME TOWARDS HIM IS STRONGER THAN THE ONE KEEPING ME IN YOUR BODY!! THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!!

CRAP! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING !!!

HANG IN THERE !!

DON'T GIVE UP, GREED !!

TUG TUG TU

NGNNGH...

UH OH...

I'M BEING PULLED IN!

RRRRRGH!!!

ZWO

IT'S QUITE A STEP DOWN FROM KING OF THE WORLD BUT I GUESS BEING THE EMPEROR OF XING DOESN'T SOUND TOO BAD.

HEH

NOW YOU'RE TALKING !

!

PHEW!

...PART-NER

LET'S FIGHT HIM TOGETH-ER...

WHAP

?!

WHAT THE...?

THERE'S NO POINT IN YOU BEING ABSORBED BY FATHER TOO.

THIS IS WHERE WE SAY GOODBYE.

WHA...?

I THOUGHT YOU LIVED BY YOUR WORD!!

YOU SAID YOU WANTED ME TO FIGHT ALONG-SIDE YOU!!

STOP! I WON'T LET YOU TRICK ME INTO ENDING IT LIKE THIS, GREED!!

THAT WAS MY FIRST AND LAST LIE.

HAH HA HA!! YOU FOOL!

IF YOU'RE GONNA BE EMPEROR...

...TRY NOT TO BE SO GULLIBLE.

LANFAN HAS THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

TAKE THAT AND GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY, BRAT

CRACKLE

BZZT

BZZT

BZZT

LAN-FAN !!

COME !!

BASHA

!

SL

ASH

FSSH

SEE YOU AROUND.

GREED!!

SKKKISSH

GREED..

PRINCE!!

OR IS THAT LIN ?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!

GASP

HA HA !!!

CRACKLE

BZZT FZZT

I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SEPARATE FROM THAT ANNOYING KID!!!

GAAH!

ARR.. GH..

CRACKLE CRACKLE

BZZT

FZZT

AH...

AH...

BZZT BZZT

CRACKLE CRACKLE

GREEEEED!!

WHY DO YOU DEFY YOUR OWN FATHER ?!!

CALL IT DELAYED TEENAGE REBELLION, DADDY DEAREST !!

AAAAH !!!

SNAP

LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE HAVING A BODY OF BRITTLE CHARCOAL !!!

WHEN YOU MADE ME, YOU GAVE ME THE POWER TO TRANS-FORM CARBON.

BZZT

FZZT

DIS-
APPEAR,
GREED
!!!

YOU
LITTLE
SCHEMER
!!!

CH

OMP

GREED!!

I
GUESS
THIS
IS
THE
END.

OH..
DAMN.

FRIENDS ARE BOUND TO EACH OTHER BY THEIR SOULS !!

SHEESH. NEITHER LIN NOR THE RUNTY ALCHEMIST EVER TREATED ME WITH THE RESPECT I DESERVED.

TCH...

DO YOU WANT TO BE ALLIES

...

IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, YOU SNOT NOSED BRATS...

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE.

YUP. I'M FINALLY SATISFIED.

...MY FRIENDS OF THE SOUL.

HAH HA HA... SEE YOU AROUND...

...

END

RELEASE THE PEOPLE OF CSELK-SESS...

ZWOO

CRAK KRIK CRAK KRIK

...AND GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM...

...DWARF IN THE FLASK.

WOOSH

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

RRRGH...

BAK!
BAK!
BAK!

GWOOM

WHY...
?

BECAUSE YOU NEVER BELIEVED IN YOURSELF.

...GOD ?!!

WHY WON'T YOU BECOME MINE...

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD MAKE GOD'S POWERS YOUR OWN?

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED SATISFIED INSIDE THE FLASK WHERE YOU BELONG.

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A CUNNING THIEF.

YOU THINK STEALING SOMETHING POWERFUL MAKES YOU GREAT?

I WANTED TO UNDER-STAND GOD!

I WANTED TO BECOME A PERFECT BEING!

ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE IS USE THE STRENGTH OF OTHERS TO GRAB AT GODHOOD. YOU HAVEN'T GROWN AT ALL.

I WANTED TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS WORLD!

SO, WHY DO YOU OPPOSE ME?

WHO ARE YOU?!

I AM WHAT HUMANS CALL THE "WORLD."

OR "THE UNI-VERSE"...

...OR "GOD"...

..OR "TRUTH"...

OR "ALL"...

..OR "ONE."

YOU CALLED TRUTH "THE ARBITER OF ORDER" THAT "KEEPS MEN IN THEIR PLACE."

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID, WASN'T IT?

FWOO!!

AND...

...I AM "YOU."

AND SO, JUST AS YOU SAID...

....I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU YOUR PROPER PLACE.

STOP

GWOOM

GWOOM

GWOOM

I DON'T WANT TO BE IM-PRISONED *THERE* AGAIN!

I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK.

NO...

GWOOM

GAPE

GNOOM

GNOOM

NO...

GNOOM

BAKI

BAKI

BAKI

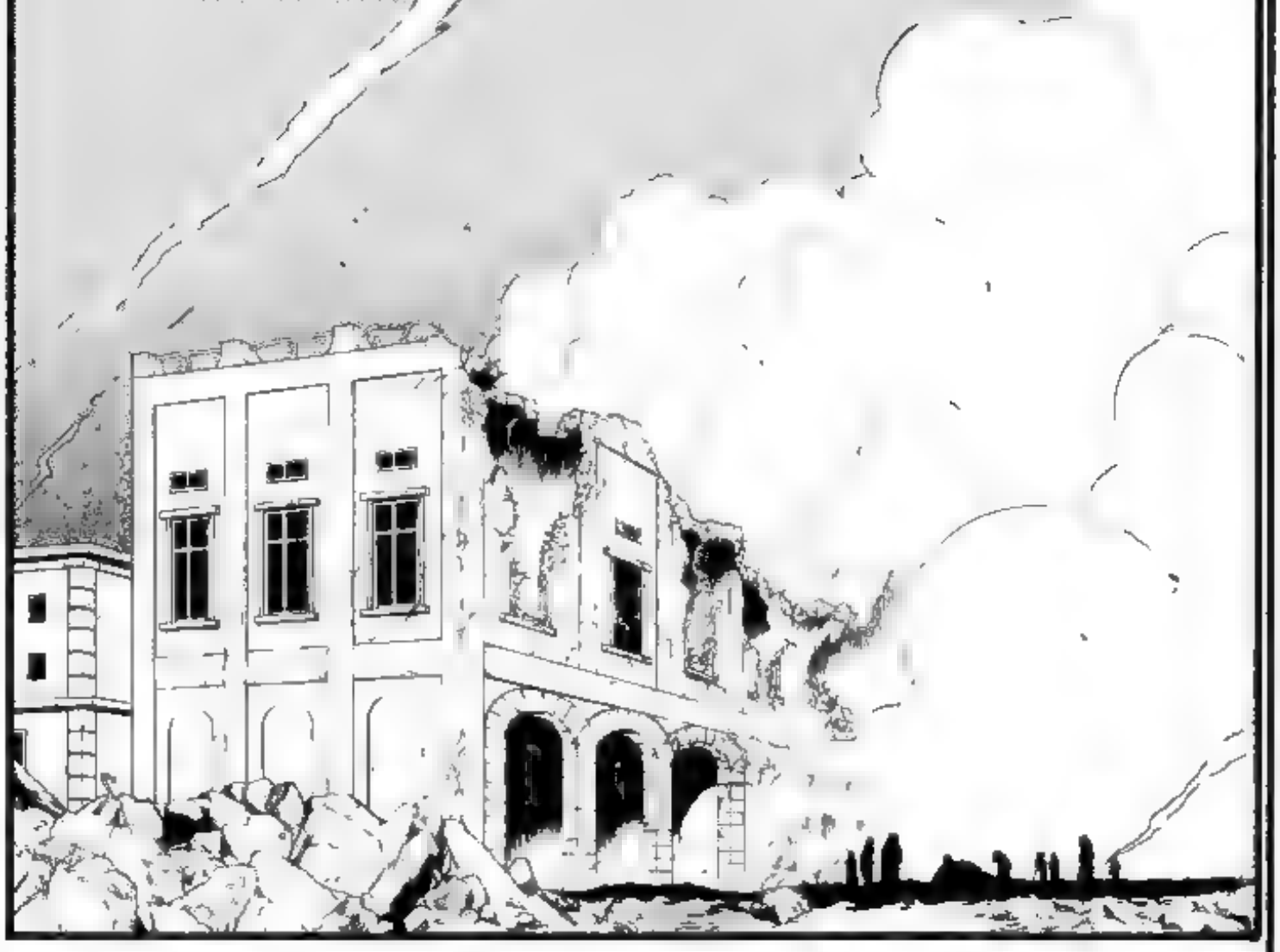
BAKI

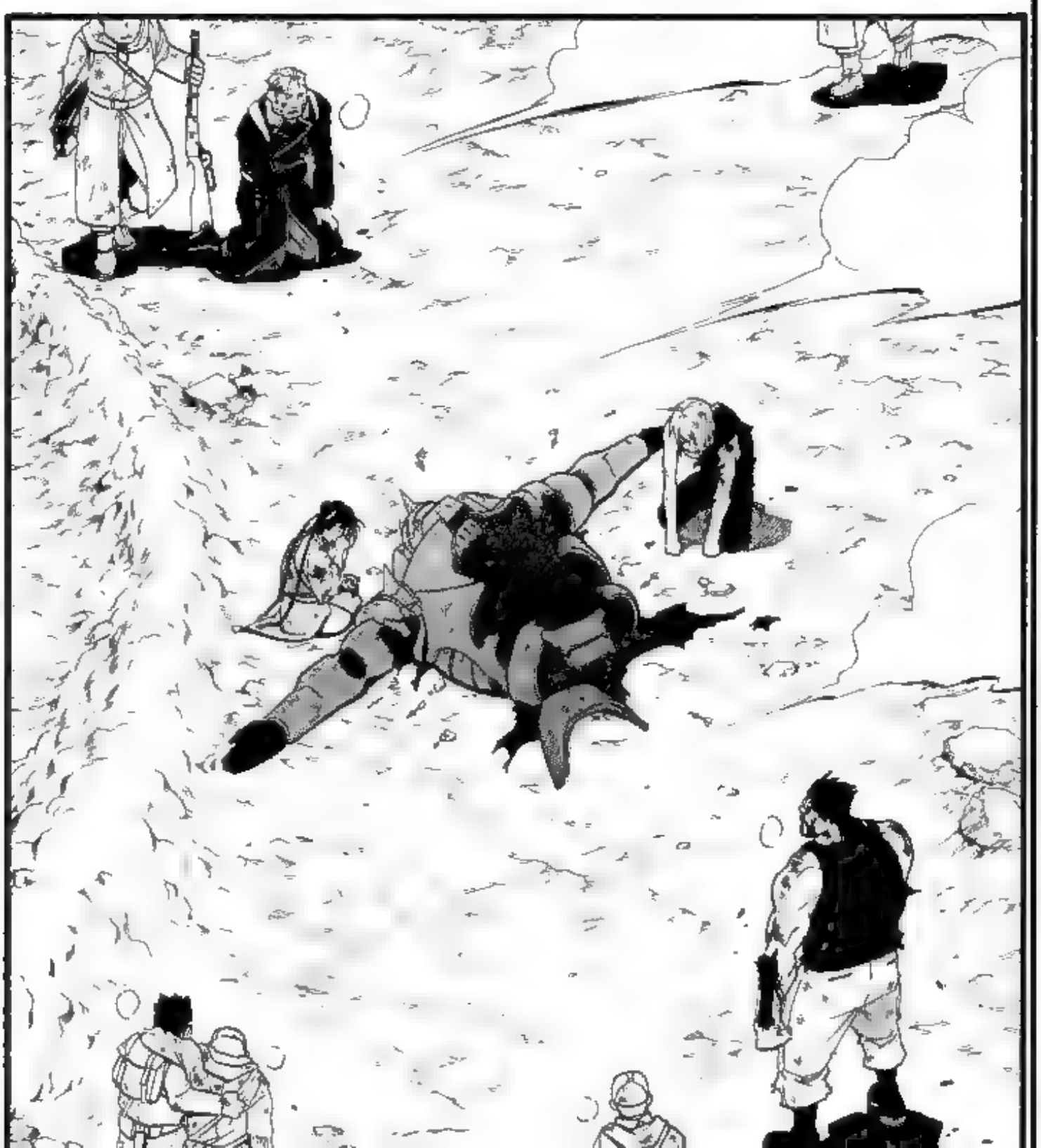
BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI BAKI

THE TRUTH BRINGS DESPAIR TO THOSE WHO DARE REACH ABOVE THEIR STATION

THIS IS THE END YOU WISHED FOR

MOOO





BUT...

YES, SIR.

DID WE WIN?

WHA... WHAT HAP-PENED?

ALPHONSE HASN'T COME BACK FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

WE DO HAVE SOME-THING WE CAN PAY THE TOLL WITH!

ED!

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

IT WAS AL'S CHOICE

HIC

HIC

I'M SOR-RY.

I'M SOR-RY...

A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE!

USE THIS TO BRING ED BACK.

I PROMISED AL THAT I WOULDN'T USE A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE TO GET OUR BODIES BACK!!

...I CAN'T.

AL-PHONSE ELRIC...

HM...

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO, SIR

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THE LAST TIME HE TRIED, FULLMETAL SACRIFICED HIS RIGHT ARM AND WAS ONLY ABLE TO BRING BACK ALPHONSE'S SOUL.

TO PERFORM HUMAN TRANSMUTATION AND OPEN THE PORTAL, A TOLL IS REQUIRED.

NO.

YOU DON'T THINK EDWARD IS PLANNING TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF...

BUT BRINGING BACK AN ENTIRE HUMAN BEING IS ANOTHER MATTER ALL TOGETHER.

HE'S ALREADY EXPERIENCED THE TERROR AND DESPAIR OF BEING LEFT BEHIND, ALONE.

SOME-BODY... HELP...

AL-PHONSE !!

AL...

MOM...

HE WOULD NEVER SUBJECT ALPHONSE TO THAT.

DON'T STOP THINKING !!

THINK.

THINK.

THINK.

THERE MUST BE A WAY.

THERE HAS TO BE!

ED-
WARD.

THERE'S
EXACTLY
ONE LIFE
LEFT IN
*ME--MY*
*OWN.*

USE
MY
LIFE...

...TO
GET
AL-
PHONSE
BACK.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT?! I WON'T USE ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE TO FIX OUR MISTAKE!!

IT WAS OUR FAULT THAT WE LOST OUR BODIES!!

YOU IDIOT! I CAN'T DO THAT!!

BECAUSE I'M YOUR FATHER.

WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE FOR US?!!

I WANT YOU TWO TO BE HAPPY.

YOU BOYS MEAN MORE TO ME THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD.

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF LOGIC.

SO YOU SEE, IT'S MY FAULT THAT YOU ENDED UP WITH THOSE BODIES. I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS NEVER AROUND.

THE TWO OF YOU HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO. WHEN TRISHA DIED, IT WAS LONELINESS THAT DROVE YOU TO TRY AND RESURRECT HER.

I'M SORRY.

IF THIS IS THE END, AT LEAST LET ME DO ONE FATHERLY THING.

I'VE LIVED TOO LONG ALREADY.

HA HA

YOU FINALLY CALLED ME DAD.

STOP TALKING NONSENSE! YOU'RE USELESS, DAD!!

AND DON'T EVER BRING IT UP AGAIN!!

OR I'LL KICK YOUR ASS !!

YOU REALLY ARE BROKEN UP ABOUT AL, AREN'T YOU?

MAY...

SWIF

EVERY-ONE FROM BRIGGS...

YOU'RE NOT THE FRIENDLIEST BUNCH, BUT WE COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU.

YOU CHIMERAS GOT SUCKED INTO ALL THIS, BUT YOU STUCK WITH US TILL THE END.

MR. GORI AND ZANPANO...

LIN AND LANFAN...

YOU HAVE YOUR OWN COUNTRY TO WORRY ABOUT, YET YOU TOLD ME TO USE YOUR PHILOSOPHER'S STONE. YOU GUYS ARE TOO NICE.

THE MAJOR'S CRYING AGAIN.

THE COLONEL AND LIEUTEN ANT...

TEACHER, I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW MANY TIMES YOU SCOLDED ME..

I AM MERELY PRESENTING YOU WITH THE POSSIBILITY.

IT'S UP TO YOU TWO TO DECIDE.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN YOU BOYS GET YOUR ORIGINAL BODIES BACK.

...THAT'S RIGHT.

I CAN DO IT !!

IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.

CLENCH

WE SAID WE'D NEVER GIVE UP, AND THEY BELIEVED IN US!!!

I NEED YOU TO STAND BACK.

MAY.

SKRICH SKRICH

SKRICH SKRICH SKRICH SKRICH

THAT'S A...

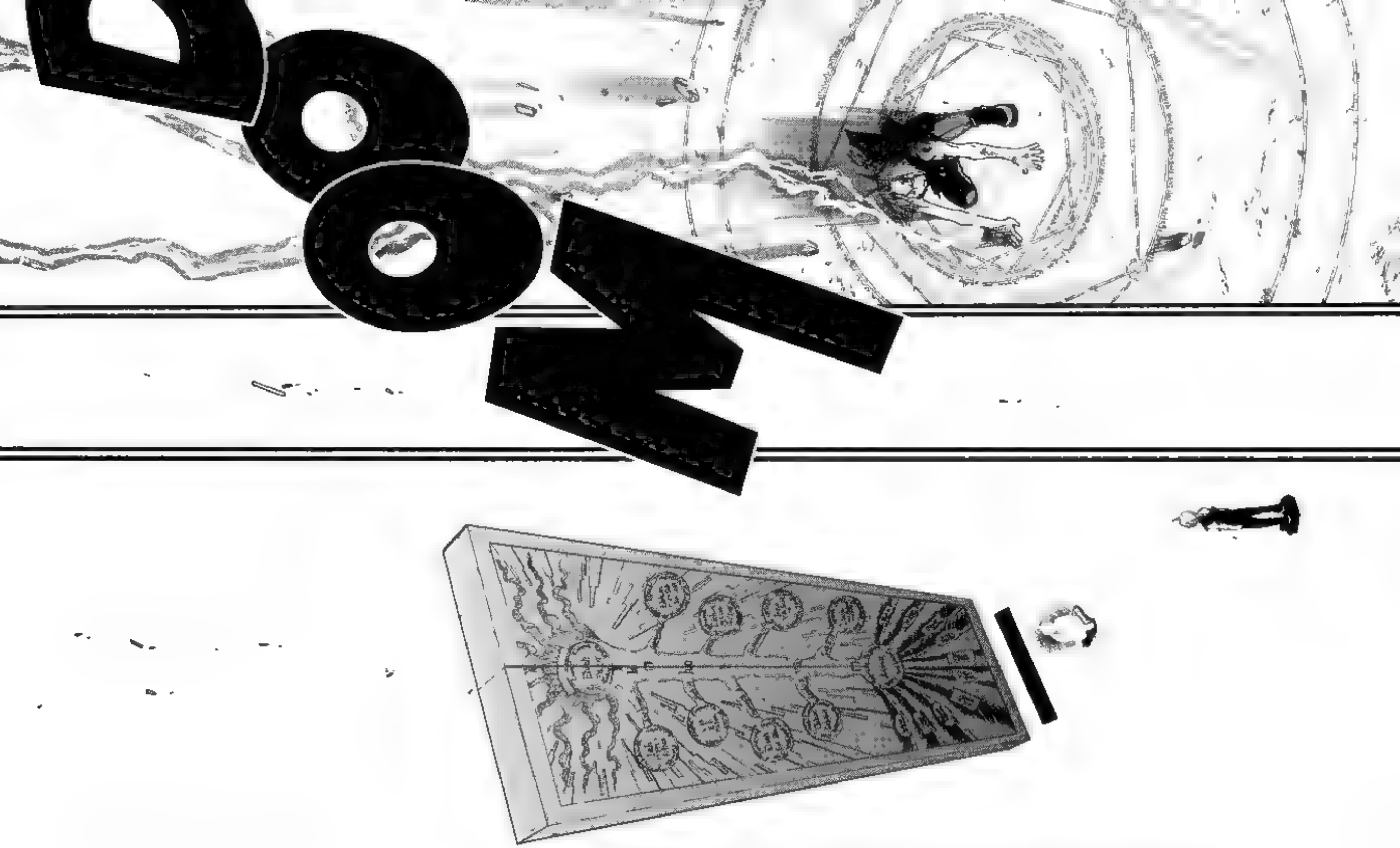
SKRICH

?!

I GOTTA GO.

...HUMAN TRANS-MUTA-TION CIRCLE ?!

THE FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST IS GOING TO PERFORM HIS LAST TRANS-MUTATION !!



WHAT ABOUT THE TOLL?

WILL YOU OFFER YOUR OWN BODY AS PAYMENT?

BUT HOW WILL YOU BRING BACK AN ENTIRE HUMAN BEING?

SO, YOU'RE HERE TO GET YOUR BROTHER BACK.

AND IT'S A BIG ONE TOO.

THE TOLL IS RIGHT HERE.

THE PORTAL OF TRUTH EXISTS WITHIN ALL HUMANS.

IT IS WHAT GIVES ALL PEOPLE THE POTENTIAL TO USE ALCHEMY.

WILL YOU REALLY FALL TO THE LEVEL OF AN *ORDINARY HUMAN*, UNABLE TO USE ALCHEMY?

IT WAS A WILD RIDE, ALL RIGHT.

EVER SINCE I SAW THIS THING CALLED TRUTH, I GOT SUCKERED IN BY ITS POWER. I BECAME OVER-CONFIDENT, MAKING MISTAKE AFTER MISTAKE.

I'M NOTHING BUT A HOPELESS HUMAN BEING WHO COULDN'T EVEN SAVE ONE LITTLE GIRL WHO WAS TURNED INTO A CHIMERA.

FALL TO THEIR LEVEL? I'VE NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT AN ORDINARY HUMAN.

EVEN WITHOUT ALCHEMY I'LL STILL HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN MANAGE WITHOUT IT?

THAT'S THE CORRECT ANSWER, ALCHEMIST.

YOU'VE BEATEN ME.

TAKE HIM.

ALL OF HIM.

BAM

FLASH
Atlanta

...THERE...

...IS OVER...

THE BACK DOOR...

THERE YOU ARE, YOU RECKLESS FOOL!!

EVERY-BODY'S WAITING FOR US.

UH HUH.

I'M HERE TO GET YOU, AL.

LET'S GO HOME.

EEEEEEEE

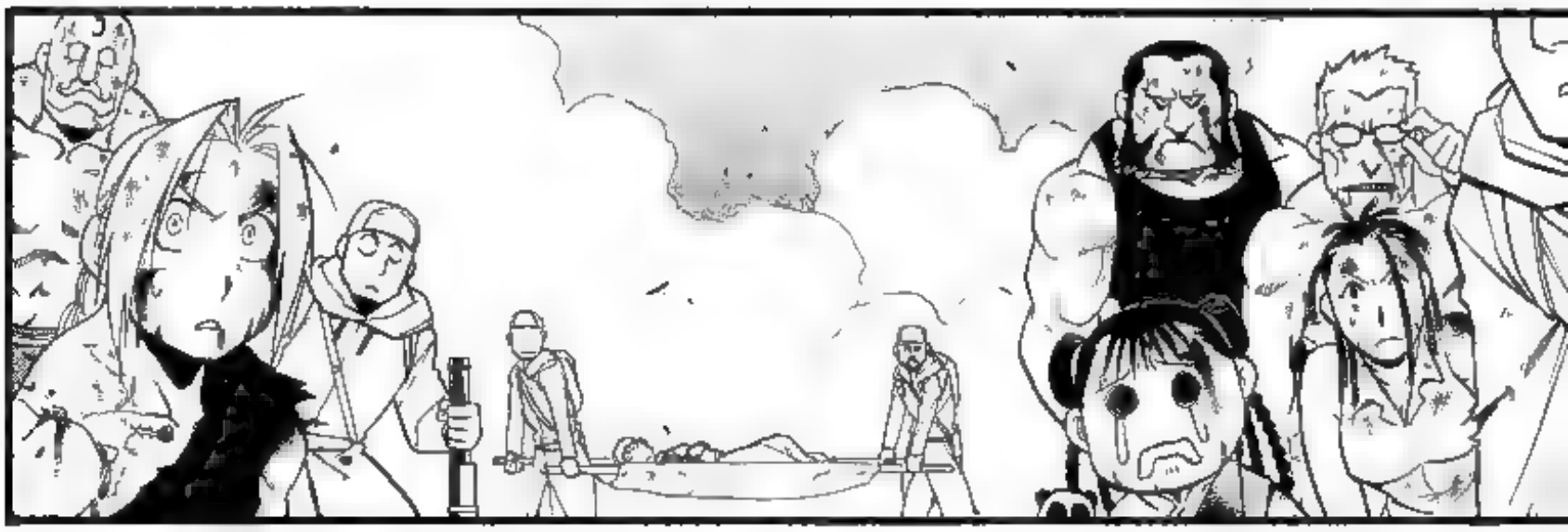
KREEEEEEEE

AL-PHONSE!

AL...

AL...

HEY!



...OH?

WHOA !!

GLOM

MR. ALPHONSE !!!

MR..

SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE

I KNOW I PUT YOU THROUGH A LOT.

I'M SORRY.

...

WAAAAAAAAA

WAAAAAA

HEY.

DAD...

SHAKE

THANKS.

UH HUH.

WEL-COME BACK.

IT'S LIKE A JOLT OF ELEC-TRICITY WENT THROUGH MY BODY STRAIGHT TO MY BRAIN.

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE ACTUALLY ***FELT*** ANY-THING.

JOLT

WHOA! SO WEIRD.

IT'S... WARM.

HON-EY!

IZUMI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!!

WAAAAH!

ON ON ON!

THANK GOOD-NESS!

I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU!

AL PHONSE...

STAGGER

BIG SIS!

ALEX!

AREN'T YOU GOING TO SEE CAPTAIN BUCCANEER ONE LAST TIME?

NOT YET. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHERS WITH INJURIES MUCH WORSE THAN MINE.

IS IT OVER?

YES. NOW WE HAVE TO GET YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.

OF COURSE.

I'LL HELP YOU.

BUCCANEER ISN'T THE ONLY ONE THAT DIED. COUNTLESS GOOD MEN ARE STILL BURIED BENEATH THE RUBBLE.

WE NEED TO GET THEM OUT TOO.

WASN'T HE WITH YOU?

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S SCAR?

NO IDEA.

WE NEED TO COLLECT BRADLEY'S BODY AS WELL.

MOST LIKELY HE WAS TRAPPED IN THE COLLAPSING RUBBLE.

THIS IS AN ANNOUNCE-MENT FROM RADIO CAPITAL TO ALL OUR LISTENERS.

EARLIER TODAY, SOLDIERS LED BY MAJOR GENERAL ARMSTRONG AND COLONEL MUSTANG INFILTRATED MILITARY HIGH COMMAND WHERE, UNBEKNOWNST TO THE PRESIDENT, TOP OFFICERS WERE ORCHESTRATING ALCHEMICAL EXPERIMENTS INVOLVING HUMAN SACRIFICE.

THE SOLDIERS SWIFTLY TOOK CONTROL OF THE SITUATION, OCCUPYING BOTH CENTRAL HQ AND THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

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TRAGICALLY, BOTH PRESIDENT BRADLEY AND HIS SON SELIM BRADLEY...

BOTH MEN WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND THE SOLDIERS UNDER THEIR COMMAND WERE DIS-BANDED.

THE HORRENDOUS EXPERIMENTS WERE CONDUCTED IN SECRECY DURING THE PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE AND WERE MASTERMINDED BY BRIGADIER GENERALS KLEMIN AND EDISON.

ACTING ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF, COLONEL MUSTANG HAS MOVED TO RESTORE NATIONAL SECURITY, ARRESTING ADDITIONAL CONSPIRATORS IN THE AMESTRIAN GOVERNMENT...

GASP!

...LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE CONFLICT.

THIS IS FOR THE BEST...

PLUCK

INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL AIDE WHO WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS BY THE MAIN GATE!

RE-BECCA!

RIZA!

QUIET PLEASE!

AND NOW...

WE WON.

OUR STORY JUST AIRED ON RADIO CAPITAL.

WHAT HAPPENED?

HAVING FIRST LADY BRADLEY ON OUR SIDE STRENGTHENS OUR POSITION TOO.

WE MADE SURE TO CLARIFY THAT AS THE PRESIDENT'S OTHER AIDE, YOU WERE IN NO WAY INVOLVED WITH THE "CONSPIRACY." AS FOR STORCH, WE'RE NEGOTIATING WITH HIM ON THE ISSUE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION TO CREATE NFORMATION THAT WILL BE FAVORABLE FOR US.

WE'VE ALSO DETAINED STORCH, THE PRESIDENTIAL AIDE WHO WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS BY THE MAIN GATE.

MOST OF ALL, BRIGGS TROOPS KILLED A LOT OF CENTRAL CITY SOLDIERS.

WHAT ABOUT MAJOR GENERAL ARM-STRONG ?

IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GET THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL CITY ON THEIR SIDE.

I WOULDN'T BE TOO OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HER FUTURE IN THE GOVERNMENT. THERE'S NO COVERING UP THE FACT THAT BRIGGS TROOPS ENGAGED IN DIRECT COMBAT WITH THE PRESIDENT.

THE COLONEL ..

BUSY HELPING WITH THE CLEAN UP, I IMAGINE ?

WHERE'S THE COLONEL?

HIS EYES ARE...

HUH? COLONEL MUSTANG ?

TRUTH'S TOLL FROM THE PERSON WHO HAD A *VISION* FOR THIS COUNTRY.

..FUNNY.

I'VE LOST MY EYE-SIGHT.

WHAT ?!

UH HUH. THINGS SURE ARE CRAZY RIGHT NOW.

DR. KNOX ?

ARE YOU HURT TOO?

I'M GOING TO LET GRAMAN HAVE THE PRESIDENCY.

HE'S A GOOD CHOICE.

SOLDIERS WHO LOSE THEIR EYE-SIGHT ARE DISCHARGED! YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT PROMOTIONS, LET ALONE--

I WOULD GIVE UP MY OWN PORTAL AS THE TOLL TO UNDO THE DAMAGE, THE WAY FULLMETAL DID, BUT IF I DO THAT THEN I WON'T HAVE ANY WAY TO GET BACK.

THERE'S PLENTY I CAN DO FOR THIS COUNTRY EVEN WITHOUT MY EYESIGHT.

MY EYES ARE TRAPPED ON THE OTHER SIDE AND NOW THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.

COME IN HERE...

...MARCOH !

I BUMPED INTO AN INTERESTING FELLOW ON MY WAY HERE.

HERE IS A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

I OVER-HEARD YOUR CONVER-SATION.

YOU MEAN DR. MARCOH ?!

MAR COH...

I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU ON ONE CON-DITION!!

WAIT !!

DOC-TOR, I--

YOU CAN USE IT TO PAY THE TOLL AND GET YOUR EYESIGHT BACK, CAN'T YOU?

I WANT YOU TO UNDO THE CURRENT ISHBALAN POLICY.

COLO-NEL MUS-TANG...

OUR PLAN WOULD NOT HAVE SUCCEEDED WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE ISHBALAN PEOPLE.

LET ME GO TOO...

...TO LIVE AND WORK THERE AS A DOCTOR!

AND...

LIFT THE BLOCKADE AROUND ISHBAL..

...AND ALLOW THE ISHBALAN REFUGEES IN THE SLUMS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOLY LAND.

YOU'RE ALSO A VETERAN OF THAT BLOODY WAR.

THAT'S RIGHT..

I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO CREATE A NEW ISHBALAN POLICY.

I GIVE YOU MY WORD.

LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD.

DON'T AVERT YOUR EYES FROM DEATH.

AND NEVER FORGET.

"IT'S GOING TO GET BUSY AGAIN."

"FOLLOW MY LEAD!"

TELL THAT TO MY SUBOR-DINATES.

MA-JOR!

I NEED YOU TO DELIVER A MES-SAGE.

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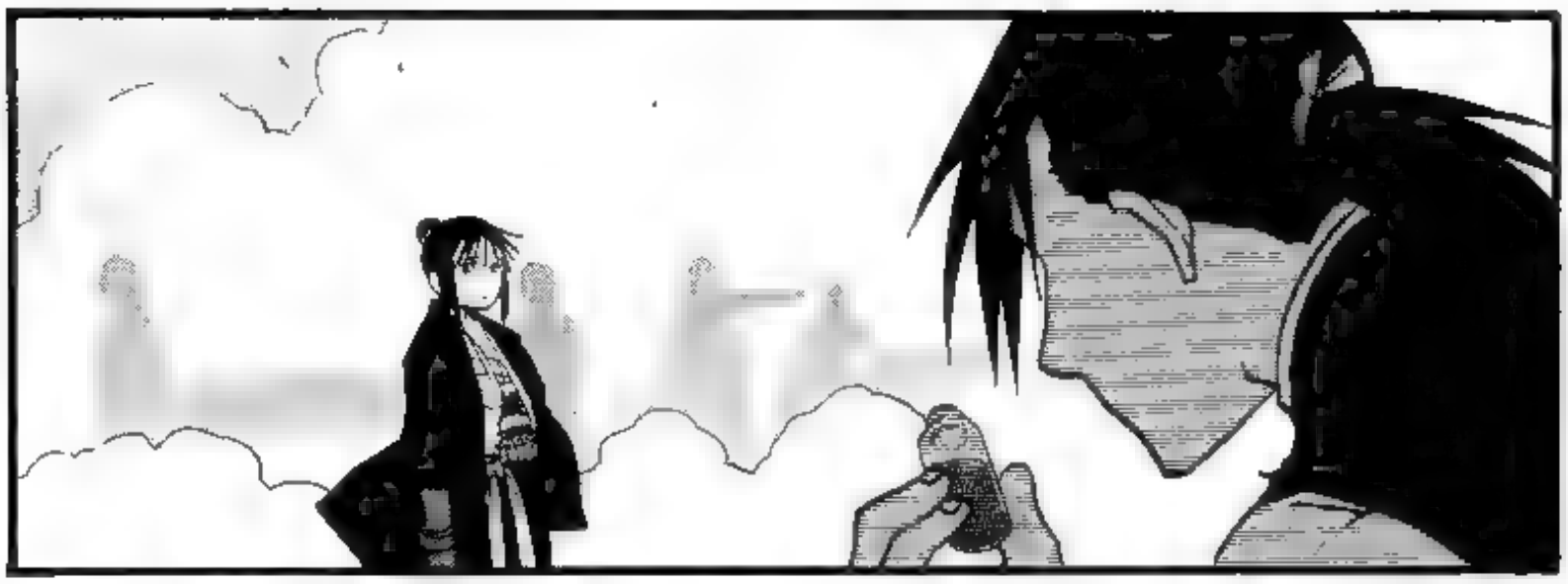
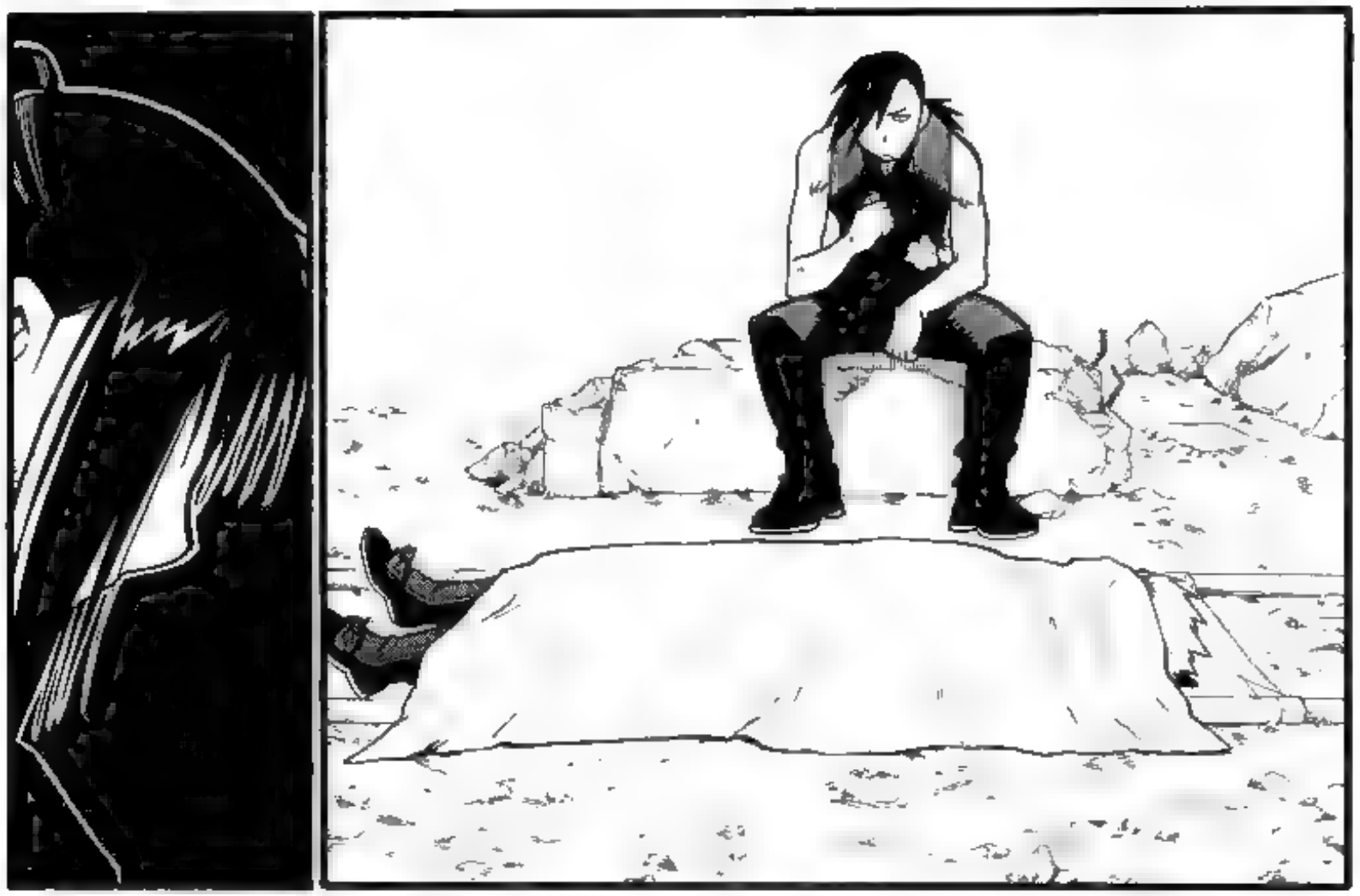
DON'T FIGHT.

AN OLD MAN LIKE ME DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU KIDS KILLING EACH OTHER.





I HAVE A REQUEST TO ASK OF YOU.

MY PRINCE...

WHEN YOU BECOME EMPEROR...

...PLEASE DO NOT PUNISH THE RIVAL FAMILIES.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

I GET IT.

SURE THING.

WHA~?!

YOU AGREED SO EASILY?

YOU SURE ARE AN IDIOT.

YOU GOT CAUGHT UP IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S FIGHT AND DIDN'T EVEN GET A PHILOSOPHER'S STONE FOR YOUR TROUBLES.

HEY, CHANG GIRL.

THE THRONE BELONGS TO THE YAO FAMILY NOW.

BUT DON'T WORRY.

THE YAO FAMILY WILL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CLAN.

WHAT'S WITH THE FACE?

DON'T WORRY.

THE PEOPLE OF XING ALWAYS KEEP THEIR OATHS.

I ACCEPTED THE HOMUNCULUS GREED WITHIN MY BODY, DIDN'T I?

OF COURSE I'LL ACCEPT THE CHANG FAMILY, AND ALL THE OTHER FAMILIES TOO.

*ALL* THE OTHER FAMILIES?! NOW YOU'RE BEING GREEDY, LIN YAO!

*HEH...*

WHAT CAN I SAY? I GUESS HE RUBBED OFF ON ME.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! PUT ME DOWN!!

YOUR LEG IS HURT RIGHT?

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF SO HARD.

HEY!

COME ON, LET'S GO.

HUP

WE'RE GOING HOME, GRANDFATHER.

TO XING.

IT'S TIME TO GO HOME.

BACK TO OUR COUNTRY.

WE'RE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, REMEMBER? GOTTA LEAVE BEFORE THINGS GET TOO STICKY.

YUP.

YOU'RE LEAVING?

HUP

YUP!

TILL NEXT TIME!

HUP

SEE YOU!

WHAT THE HELL IS HE UP TO NOW?!

LAST I SAW HIM, HE WAS BORROWING MONEY FROM ONE OF THE BRIGGS PEOPLE

HUH? BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THAT IDIOT FATHER OF OURS?

AL, LET'S EAT!

OH, MAN, I'M STARVING!

TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK

!
TOK..

TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
TUP
TUP TUP
TUP

YOU CAME BACK.

HOHEN-HEIM!

YOU OLD FOOL.

SNIF SNIF

I USED TO THINK THAT LIVING LONGER THAN OTHER PEOPLE WAS JUST A BURDEN...

YOU DIED WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.

...BUT WHEN I MET YOU, TRISHA, AND THE KIDS, I WAS SO GRATEFUL TO BE ALIVE.

I'VE HAD A FULL LIFE.

NOW IT'S TIME TO LET GO...

DAMN IT ALL!

I DON'T REALLY WANT TO DIE.

I'VE BEEN KEPT ALIVE AGAIN.

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT THE ROCK-BELLS.

I KEPT YOU ALIVE BE-CAUSE YOU'RE USE-FUL TO ME.

THAT'S ALL.

FIRST THE ROCKBELLS, NOW YOU. WHY WON'T YOU AMESTRIANS JUST LET ME DIE?

I LET YOU LIVE BECAUSE I THOUGHT MY MEN COULD LEARN FROM YOUR PURIFICATION ARTS, BUT...

...CIRCUM-STANCES HAVE CHANGED.

IF THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU LET ME LIVE, WON'T YOU BE COURT-MARTIALED?

OH PLEASE, I'VE GOTTEN AWAY WITH MUCH WORSE.

YES.

AND I HAD THE IDEA OF BRINGING YOU ALONG.

MUSTANG HAS ASKED ME TO LEND HIM MILES TO HELP HIM WITH THE NEW ISHBALAN POLICY.

THE DEATH OF A CULTURE IS THE DEATH OF A PEOPLE.

WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE TO DIE OUT.

OF COURSE, YOU'LL HAVE TO ERASE YOUR ENTIRE PAST.

WILL YOU RETURN TO ISHBAL AND HELP IN THE REVIVAL OF THE ISHBALAN RELIGION?

FOR WHATEVER REASON, SOMEONE UP THERE WANTS ME TO LIVE.

CLENCH

...

...MY BROTH-ER.

MAYBE NOW I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THAT REASON IS...

SAVE YOUR PEOPLE FROM EXTINCTION WITH YOUR OWN HANDS.

YES.

HEH HEH... MUSTANG WILL PISS HIS PANTS WHEN HE FINDS OUT THAT SCAR IS STILL ALIVE.

WILL YOU TAKE ME WITH YOU TO ISHBAL, MILES?

I DON'T NEED A NAME.

CALL ME WHAT-EVER YOU LIKE.

ONE MORE THING.

WHAT IS YOUR REAL NAME, SCAR?

I'VE DIED TWICE ALREADY.

I DON'T EXIST IN THIS WORLD.

I HAD NO IDEA MY MUSCLES WOULD BE SO OUT OF SHAPE.

PHEW..

I'M SO TIRED.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?

I'LL WALK HOME ON MY OWN LEGS.

WANT ME TO CARRY YOU BACK?

NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

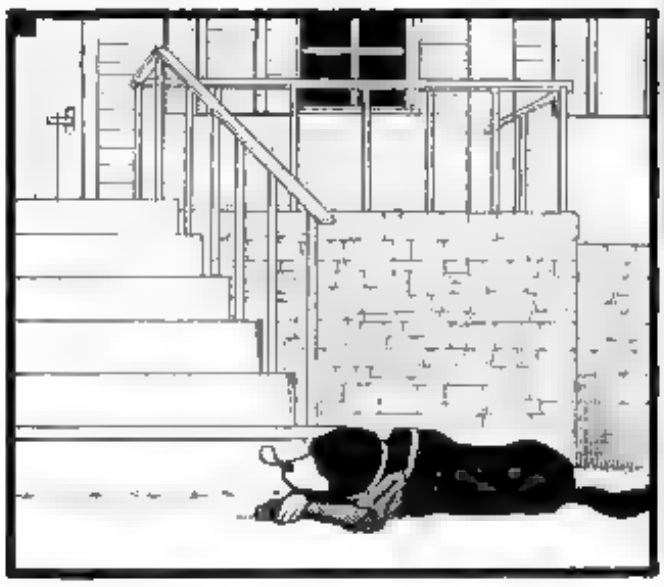
NO.

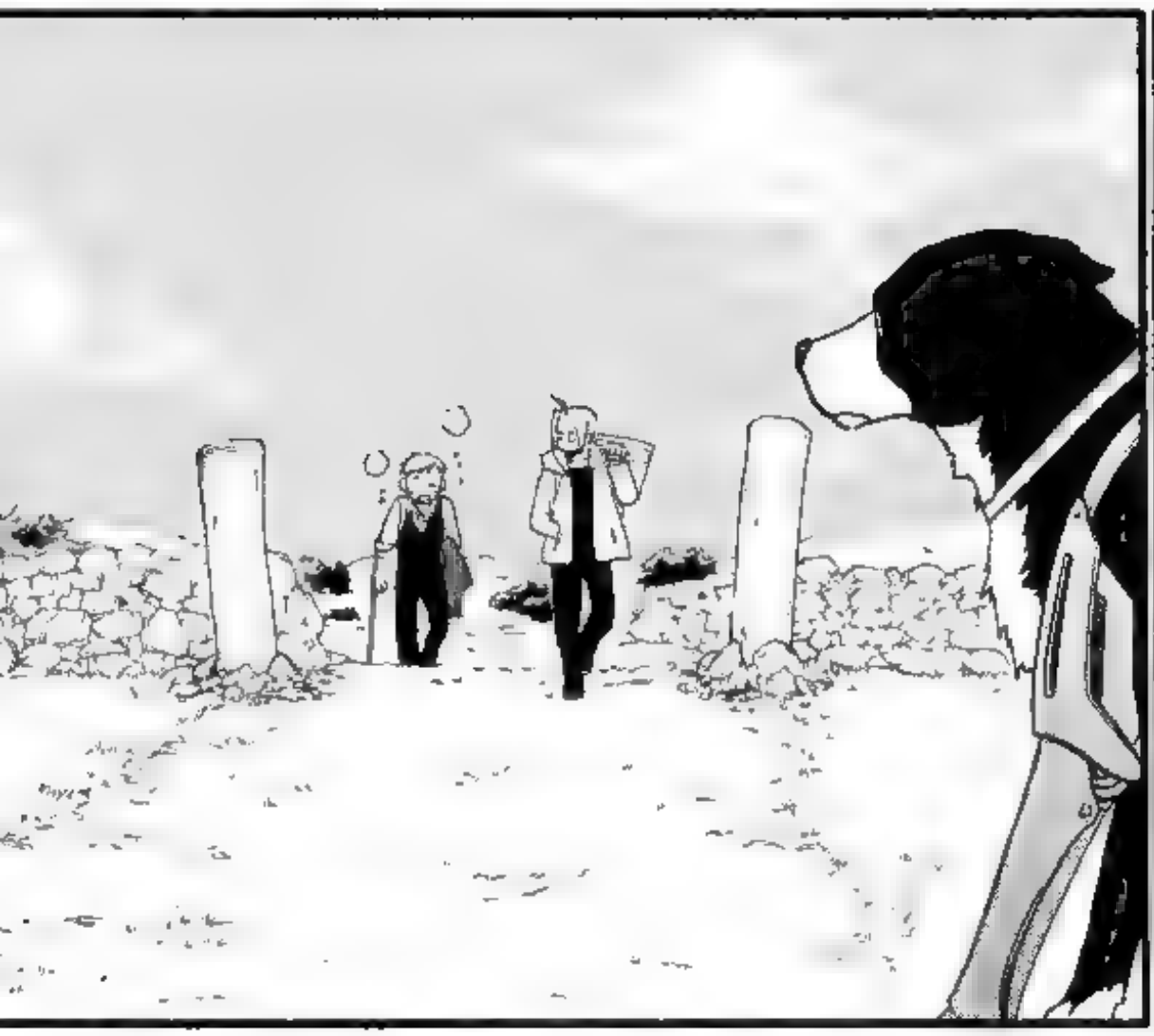
YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD.

I'M GONNA TAKE MY TIME GETTING HOME.

...AND WE'LL GO HOME TOGETHER.

WE LEFT HOME TOGETH-ER...





DEN
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IT'S
ME!

WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WHOA...
DOWN, BOY, DOWN!

WE'RE HOME!

HEY, WINRY.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO CALL BEFORE YOU...

YOU !!

BE-FORE YOU...

WEL-
COME
HOME.

TOK TOK TOK TOK

...WITH A REBUILT ISHBAL SERVING AS A CENTER FOR COM-MERCE.

ZCHH

THIS INCLUDES PLANS TO INITIATE RAILWAY TRADE BETWEEN AMESTRIS AND THE EASTERN NATION OF XING...

EARLIER TODAY, BRIGADIER GENERAL MUSTANG SET IN MOTION HIS BOLD NEW ISHBALAN POLICY.

ZCHH

ZCH...

OUCH !!

TOK

AN AGREE-MENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED WITH EMPEROR LIN YAO...

TOK TOK TOK TOK

I'LL NEVER GET THE HANG OF THIS.

FOO FOO

TCH !

CL AP

TMP

FIGURED IT WOULDN'T WORK.

IF I COULD STILL USE ALCHEMY, I WOULDN'T EVEN NEED TO CLIMB UP HERE TO FIX THIS ROOF.

CHEEP CHEEP

I GUESS HARD WORK ISN'T ALWAYS SUCH A BAD THING.

WELL...

WINRY SAYS THE APPLE PIE IS DONE SO LET'S HAVE SOME WITH TEA.

ALL RIGHT.

STILL WORKING ON THE ROOF, BIG BROTHER?

I NEVER KNEW HOW GREAT THE VIEW IS FROM UP HERE.

WOW...

IT'S A BIG WORLD, ISN'T IT?

YEAH.

BIG BROTH-ER...

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME.

I'M PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT THE SAME THING.

TWO YEARS ALREADY SINCE THAT DAY.

TIME SURE DOES FLY.

HO HO HO

WITHOUT YOUR SCOLDING, I FEEL LIKE I MIGHT PASS AWAY AT ANY MOMENT.

I'M NOT THAT INTIMI-DATING, AM I?

OH MY!

THE MOUNTAIN OF PROBLEMS HAS MADE ME OLD VERY QUICKLY.

HOW ARE THINGS AT THE CAPITAL?

I WON'T BE HANDING THE REIGNS TO THAT YOUNG-STER FOR A LONG TIME YET!

GRIN

YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF AN EARLY RETIRE-MENT?

WITH MUSTANG IN THE EAST AND ARMSTRONG IN THE NORTH DOING SUCH FINE WORK, THIS SENILE OLD MAN IS SOMEHOW MANAGING THE PRESIDENCY.

I'M VERY THANK-FUL FOR THAT.

MOM-MY!

TUP TUP

NO, NO. I'M NOT HALF AS DISCIPLINED AS HIM.

HO HO HO HO HO

THAT MAN PUT WORK BEFORE EVERY-THING.

MY GOODNESS, YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MY HUSBAND.

YES, SELIM ?

WHAT'S WRONG ?

MOM-MY!

OF COURSE. HOLD IT VERY GENT-LY.

WILL IT BE OKAY? WILL THE BABY BIRD BE OKAY?

HE'S GROWN TO BE SUCH A GENTLE CHILD.

HELP IT, MOM-MY.

THIS BABY BIRD IS HURT.

OH, MY.

LET'S HAVE THE BUTLER BRING US SOME BAN-DAGES.

NEVER-THELESS, I WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.

?

WHEN I DECIDED TO RAISE THIS CHILD, EVERYONE WAS AGAINST IT, BUT HE'S GIVEN ME NO TROUBLE AT ALL.

YES.

DON'T WORRY.

I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN.

IF HE SHOULD SHOW ANY SIGNS OF ABNOR-MALITY...

YOU DO UNDER-STAND ?

HOMUNCULI AND HUMANS...

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO CAN TRULY COEXIST?

BYE BYE.

OH! SO EDWARD'S LEFT LEG IS STILL THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE?

NO MATTER HOW OLD I GET, NEW POSSIBILITIES NEVER CEASE TO EXCITE ME.

YES.

HE SAID THAT HE DOESN'T MIND KEEPING HIS AUTO-MAIL LEG BECAUSE IT SERVES AS A REMINDER OF THE PAST.

HE'S NOT GOING TO TRY AND CHANGE IT BACK.

I'M SO GLAD YOU HAVE YOUR REAL BODY BACK, AL-PHONSE.

HA, HA, HA! THOSE TWO...

HE ALSO SAID, "IF I GET RID OF THIS, WINRY WILL KILL ME."

THOSE TWO!

I'VE COME TO REALIZE HOW MUCH HAPPINESS THEY BROUGHT US, EVEN IF WE DIDN'T SEE IT AT THE TIME.

MY BROTHER AND I MET SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE ON OUR JOURNEY, PEOPLE LIKE MR. HUGHES.

MY HUSBAND WOULD BE SO HAPPY.

THAT'S WHY I FEEL THAT NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO TRY AND GIVE BACK SOME OF THAT HAPPINESS.

INSTEAD, IF WE RECEIVE TEN WE WILL ADD OUR ONE TO IT...

...AND GIVE ELEVEN IN RETURN.

LIKE THE "EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE" THAT THE ALCHEMISTS TALK ABOUT?

NO.

IF WE RECEIVE TEN AND ONLY GIVE BACK TEN THEN IT'S A ZERO-SUM GAIN.

WE HAVEN'T PROVEN IT CAN WORK YET, BUT WE'RE TRYING.

IT'S A NEW RULE THAT WE'VE COME UP WITH TO COUNTER THE LAW OF EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE.

?

YOU'RE SO DRIVEN. WHAT KEEPS YOU GOING?

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FORGET ABOUT HER EVER SINCE.

THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL WHO WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SAVE.

FIRST, WE TAKE THE SOUL OUT OF THE BODY AND KEEP IT SAFE IN A SEPARATE LOCATION. THEN WE TAKE THE BODY AND SEPARATE IT INTO HUMAN AND FROG.

TAP TAP

WE'LL USE THE SAME METHOD THAT SO-CALLED FATHER USED.

COFFEE

THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

HRMM...

...SO IT'LL NATURALLY GO INTO THE HUMAN BODY, RIGHT?

THEY SAY THE SOUL IS PULLED TOWARD ITS FORMER BODY LIKE A MAGNET...

TING TING

THAT'S WHY WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT THERE AND FIND THE WAY!!

IF THAT GETS CUT, THE SOUL CAN'T COME BACK TO THE BODY, RIGHT?

BUT THERE'S STILL THE MATTER OF THIS "SPIRIT" THINGY THAT CONNECTS THE SOUL TO THE BODY.

I KNOW!

GEEZ, I'M HUNGRY

SURE.

WANT SOME FRIES?

MR. ZANPANO AND MR. JELSO.

OH! THERE YOU GUYS ARE.

HEY!

EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE THE LUNCH SPECIAL AND...SOME MILK PLEASE.

YOU GOT IT.

THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HELPED US, SO WE HAD TO SPLIT DUTIES.

THAT BROTHER OF YOURS ISN'T WITH YOU TODAY?

NO.

YUP!

THEN YOU'RE FINALLY GONNA...?

GREAT!!

AND MY SHARE OF THE GREETINGS ENDS TODAY!

I'M GOING TO XING.

I WANT TO SEE AS MANY OF THE EASTERN KINGDOMS AS POSSIBLE, LEARNING EVERYTHING I CAN ALONG THE WAY.

NOT JUST XING.

I PLAN ON STUDYING THE PURIFICATION ARTS WITH MAY'S PEOPLE.

...AND SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES.

I WANT TO TRAVEL THE WORLD ON MY OWN FEET...

INSTEAD OF LEAVING OUR PROBLEMS TO OTHERS, WE NEED TO MAKE A MOVE!

YOU USED TO SAY YOU WOULD NEVER GIVE UP AS LONG AS THERE WAS A CHANCE YOU COULD GET BACK YOUR ORIGINAL BODY, REMEMBER?

YOU BET WE ARE !!

...UH, ARE YOU GUYS REALLY GOING TO COME WITH ME?

PLUS...

...WE MIGHT BE AMATEURS WHEN IT COMES TO ALCHEMY, BUT WE CAN TOTALLY KICK ASS AT BEING YOUR BODYGUARDS.

HIS LEFT LEG IS AUTO-MAIL, SO CROSSING THE SCORCHING DESERT WOULD BE REALLY HARD FOR HIM.

coffee

TING TING

ISN'T YOUR BROTHER GOING WITH YOU TO XING?

HA HA!

IN THAT CASE, HOW CAN I REFUSE?

WHILE I'M LEARNING EVERYTHING I CAN IN THE EAST, MY BROTHER'S GOING TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE WEST IN SEARCH OF KNOWLEDGE.

THE WORLD'S A BIG PLACE.

AND ONCE WE POOL WHAT WE LEARN FROM EAST AND WEST TOGETHER...

...MAYBE WE'LL FIND A WAY A WAY TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF ALCHEMY.

AND KEEP THOSE SCREWS TIGHT!

UH-HUH.

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP IT OILED EVERY DAY!

UH-HUH.

HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?!

UH-HUH.

SURE, SURE

BE SURE TO WIPE OFF ALL THE MOISTURE WHENEVER YOU TAKE A BATH!!

I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT SECRETS ARE WAITING FOR ME IN THE WEST!

HEH HEH! IT'S SO EXCITING!

CHOOO

SHEESH

OH! HERE COMES THE TRAIN!

YUP.

BE SURE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE YOU BRING IT IN FOR MAINTENANCE.

CHUGA CHUGA

HEY! I'M SAYING THIS FOR *YOU!*

SURE, SURE. THEN THANKS FOR THE ADVICE.

DON'T GET TOO EXCITED OR YOU'LL WIND UP BREAKING YOUR AUTOMAIL AND HAVING TO CRAWL BACK FOR REPAIRS.

YOU JUST WANT TO MILK ME FOR MORE MONEY.

WHOOOO

?

AN AP-POINT-MENT, HUH?

WINRY!

UH...

ABOUT AN APPOINTMENT OR MORE LIKE A *PROMISE*.

BETWEEN US YOU KNOW?

UH...I WAS JUST THINKING.

WHAT? JUST SAY WHAT YOU MEAN.

?

I'LL GIVE YOU HALF OF MY LIFE...

AN EQUIVA-LENT EX-CHANGE

...SO YOU GIVE ME HALF OF YOURS!

WHAAAAT?!!

HONESTLY? THE LAW OF EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE? ARE YOU REALLY THAT BIG OF A *MORON?*

WOBBLE!!

FOR THE LOVE OF... WHY ARE ALCHEMISTS ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

I'LL GIVE YOU MORE THAN HALF. I'LL GIVE YOU ALL OF IT.

YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT.

UMM, 90 PERCENT. NO.. MAYBE 80?

UH... UH..

HOW ABOUT 70? NO, TOO LOW...

MAYBE 85?

...AH..

WAIT, WAIT! NOT ALL.

WA HA HA HA HA HA !!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !

HA..

HAHAHAHAHAHA

YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING !

WEEZ WEEZ

NO, SORRY, SORRY.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY ?!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA

HEH HEH HEH

TURNING THE LAW OF EQUIVALENT EXCHANGE ON ITS HEAD IS EASY FOR YOU.

NO, I'M NOT.

ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

HUH, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...OKAY.

YOU CHEERED ME UP. THANKS.

I GOTTA GO.

OH?

TWIIIIIII

BE SAFE.

PHOO

I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY THOSE ELRIC BOYS CAN'T STAY IN ONE PLACE.

FIRST ALPHONSE AND NOW EDWARD'S LEAVING TOO?

THOSE TWO ARE JUST FINE THE WAY THEY ARE.

AFTER ALL, THERE'S NOTHING MORE BORING THAN A MAN WHO STAYS STILL.

A LESSON WITHOUT PAIN IS MEANINGLESS...

...BECAUSE GAINING ANYTHING WORTHWHILE REQUIRES SACRIFICE.

BUT IF YOU CAN OVERCOME THAT PAIN AND ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL...

...YOU CAN ACHIEVE A FULLMETAL HEART, AND THAT'S IRREPLACEABLE.

FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST